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THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Is Not:—

A second Sunday School.
A substitute prayer meeting.
A young people's church.
A gathering for aimless amusement.

It Is:—

To cultivate the spiritual life of young people.

To discover the individual talents and powers of young people.

To train young people so as to affect their powers of service.

To lead young people to self expression in life and service.

To interpret to young people the mission of the Church.

To influence young people in forming their personal and social relationships for life.

To develop an active and an intelligent interest in denominational enterprises.

To provide the young people with an organization of their own wherein to develop individual initiative.

The Eve of Large Accomplishments

CLARENCE C. DITTMER
Treasurer, Luther League of America

THERE was a deep conviction among the representative delegates who were present at the Milwaukee Convention of the Luther League of America, in July, that the Luther League of America was, as one delegate so happily expressed it, on "the eve of large accomplishments."

That almost-unanimous conviction was a growing one, deepening with each session, until it reached its zenith in the inspiring remarks of President Banker, during the reorganization meeting of the new Executive Committee on the closing day of the convention, who stated as his firm conviction that the "Luther League of America has graduated from its former stage of separate departments and individual organizations into one wherein unity of purpose and of enthusiastic activity renders the League now capable of large achievements."

No delegate who was fortunate enough to be present at this inspiring Convention will ever forget the deep spiritual earnestness and the abiding sense of kinship of like purposes and high aims that characterized its stirring sessions. The League has had conventions in the past, but it never had such an one. No one delegation or group of leaders dominated any portion of it. It was a convention of young people who showed themselves capable of handling their own affairs. It was a convention where there was a remarkable, unprecedented sharing of the best with each other so that each contributed his share in its great success.

It was indeed a unique experience to sit in that gathering and to be a part of it. As one thought and planned together with the other leaders of Luther League work from every section of the country, one could not help but be inspired with the wealth of ideas that were expressed and to become enthusiastic over each other's forward strides during the preceding three years of worthwhile history.

The Convention was unique, therefore, in that the unity of spirit and kinship of like purposes made possible for the first time in Luther League history a common objective in which every Luther League organization voted not only to take part in it but who did so with such an enthusiasm that the officers felt confident that they meant what they did.

The Leaguers have always been doing things, but never before had they been able to agree on any one project or plan for every organization.

The Challenging Objective

When Dr. J. Roy Strock, President of Noble College, India, so ably presented the suggested objective for the biennium, the delegates for fifteen minutes carefully weighed their own responsibilities and accepted almost unanimously the erection of the Administration Building at the Andhra Christian College at a cost of $25,000, as the task to which every Luther Leaguer in America would set for himself to accomplish during the present two years.

The "Oversubscription" Spirit

It was even more gratifying to hear after the session various individual comments from the Leaguers and officers of State and Synodical Luther Leagues that all felt the task was now a comparatively easy one to accomplish. A number expressed themselves that their respective organizations would not only reach their quotas, but that they were sure the quotas would be "oversubscribed" by considerable margins. The Virginia League has already set as its quota $1,000 instead of the $700 suggested by the Finance Committee.

Then, too, there was the general sentiment that two years would not be needed by most of the active organizations to reach their quotas. In many cases the Missionary Secretary of a number of State Leagues made plans even before their delegations left Milwaukee, to secure the entire quota either within the first six months or within the first year at least. Two Districts in one of the State Leagues took definite steps to raise their portion of their State's quota within the first six months of the biennium.

Doesn't such a spirit of determination and of resultful activity clearly show that the Luther League of America is on the "eve of large accomplishments?"

Its Three-Fold Objective Uniqueness

The three-fold objective of the Luther League of America is Education, Missions, and Life-Service. The Andhra College Administration Building objective certainly fits perfectly into the League's general objective, for the Andhra College is an educational institution on the mission field, which will especially prepare young men for life service in the church.

A Lutheran College in India

There are now two Christian colleges in the Andhra or Telugu country, a province having a population of over 22,000,000 peo-

ple. Both of these colleges are of long standing but neither of them is strong enough to occupy a commanding position. These two colleges,—our Lutheran Junior College in Guntur and the Church of England Noble College in Musulipatam—will be merged into the new Andhra Christian College, and both thereafter will discontinue their college classes and function as high schools. The founding of the Andhra College, approved by the United Lutheran Church in America on October 24, 1924, is now engaging the support and active interest of our Lutheran Church and the various organizations of our Church.

Our Administration Building

The Administration Building of any college in America or in India is an important building, for it virtually houses the "brains of the institution." It is usually in this building that the faculty and officers meet to formulate plans, and where the various departments have their executive offices. The Board of Foreign Missions will be asked in due time to send on the plans for this Administration Building, which plans in turn will be sent to the various Luther Leagues for their information.

The Gift to the Youth of India

The erection, by the youth of America, of the Administration Building of this much-needed college for the strengthening of the Christian youth of India is perhaps the greatest gift that the youth of any country can give to another. The evangelization of India is too vast to be done wholly by missionaries from another country. It can only be done by the careful training of the Christian youth of India who because of their ready command of the language and their contacts with their own people, can the more readily show the Christ-like life to India. The founding of Andhra Christian College is the step in the right direction.

The Special Committee

The Missionary Secretary or Chairman of the Missionary Committee in each State, Synodical or District organization connected with the Luther League of America is to be a member of the special Committee on the Andhra Christian College Administration Building Fund. The Treasurer of the Luther League of America will be the Chairman of the Committee. Miss May Scherer, the Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of America, will be the Vice-Chairman.

The Collection of Funds

All funds for the Andhra Christian College Administration Building are to be sent by the various local and District Leagues to the Treasurer of the State or Synodical League with which the League is connected.

The State or Synodical Treasurers will in turn send the contributions to the Treasurer of the Luther League of America, Clarence C. Dittmer, 1751 West Ninth Street, Brooklyn, New York, who will deposit these funds in New York City to avoid confusion with other funds of the League in Philadelphia and Scranton. Receipts must be issued for all remittances received. An effort will also be made to have the interest on the funds on deposit pay a proportion of the expense of securing the money.

All remittances should be made promptly. It is better to make two or three remittances a month in small amounts than a large amount over a longer period.

The Suggested Quotas

The Finance Committee has suggested to the Presidents of each State, Synodical or District League connected with the Luther League of America the following quotas based on their present membership:

Connecticut	$ 350.00
Columbia District	150.00
Detroit District	50.00
Illinois	1,200.00
Indiana	750.00
Iowa	300.00
Kansas	500.00
Maryland Synod	1,200.00
Minnesota	450.00
Nebraska	600.00
New Jersey	300.00
New York	4,000.00
North Carolina	2,000.00
Nova Scotia	100.00
Ohio	2,000.00
Pacific Northwest District	150.00
Pennsylvania	9,000.00
South Carolina	1,500.00
Virginia	700.00
Wisconsin	700.00
Other individual Leagues, new Leagues, Texas State League, etc.	500.00
	$26,500.00
Maximum estimated amount for expenses	1,500.00
Amount to be realized	$25,000.00

Reports to be Issued

The Treasurer of the Luther League of America will issue reports from time to time to every member of the Andhra Christian College Administration Building Committee and to every President of a State, Synodical or District League. It will show only the amounts received from the respective organization up to the time of the issuance of the report. It will not show amounts which may be held in other treasurer's hands, pending a remittance to the National Treasurer.

An "Honor Roll" will be kept and the State, Synodical or District organization reaching its quota first (actually having paid the full amount into the National Treasurer)—or "oversubscribing" it—will be given first place and the honor attaching to that distinction.

(Virginia was the first League to take definite action by planning to "oversub-

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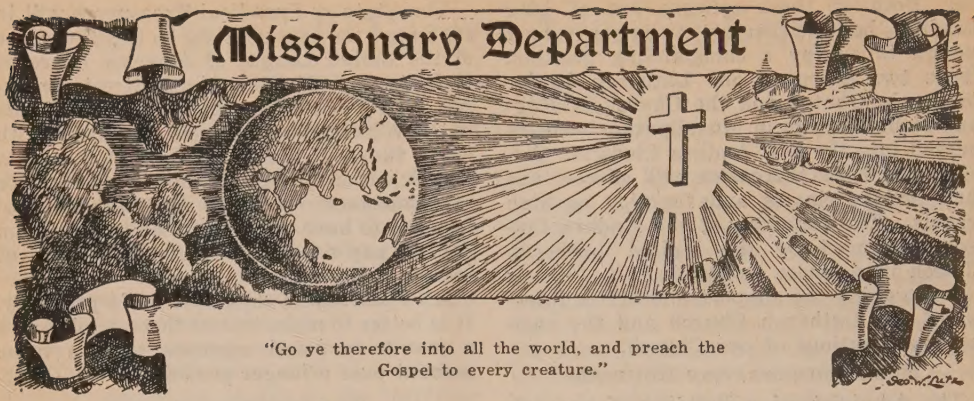

First Message From Our New Missionary Secretary

THE keynote of the Milwaukee Luther League convention was "Christ First." All who were at Milwaukee carried away the charge from almost every speaker that only as Christ is made first in our lives will we become the joyous followers of Christ that all faithful Luther Leaguers should be.

Never before at a meeting of the National Luther League has there been stressed so strongly the fact that while we want to make Christ first in our own lives, we want to go beyond this as a National Luther League and help make Christ first in the lives of all the nations of the world. Never before have our Luther Leaguers been so filled with a missionary spirit as they were at the Milwaukee convention.

As we take up our great missionary objective about which Mr. Dittmer tells us in another column, let us take for our missionary motto, *"Christ First in Our Own Lives. Christ First in the Lives of All the Nations of the World."*

On the last night of the great Milwaukee convention after a busy day and a number of late conferences in regard to the organization of the missionary forces of the Luther League, when I went to my room there was still ringing in my ear the sound of the voice of the General Secretary as he called me, without any previous notification of an appointment, to come to the chancel and be installed as Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of America. Again and again, in my own room, I said it, "Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of America." Again and again I felt, "How great the responsibility! Missionary leader of the young people of the United Lutheran Church in America! Missionary leader of the greatest Force, of the greatest Church, of the greatest Nation of the world!"

And then as if to help me to know that the responsibility was not mine alone, I found pushed under my door at the hotel an envelope bearing a message from a group of Luther Leaguers, known by me to be Luther Leaguers with a real missionary spirit, saying, "We are glad you are Missionary Secretary. Please know that you can count on us." And the responsibility seemed divided.

Will not every one of the 32,000 Luther Leaguers of America help divide the responsibility of our Missionary motto:

"Christ First in Our Own Lives; Christ First in the Lives of all the Nations of the World?"

My first official request is that every State League will appoint a missionary secretary whose duty it shall be to take special responsibility for the missionary activities of the State League, and that each local league shall likewise appoint a missionary secretary whose duty it shall be to take special responsibility for the missionary activities of the respective local leagues. In this way a great Missionary Committee will be formed.

My second official request is that I shall be notified of such appointments, with names and addresses given.

Each month I shall make requests. If such requests of mine are carefully and prayerfully made, compliance with them should help in bringing to pass our missionary motto.

MAY SCHERER.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

"THIS ONE THING"

"August is the devil's month in America." While figures often lie and liars often figure statistics give pretty conclusive evidence that matters spiritual are at the lowest ebb of the year during the month above named, and even Christ is given a vacation as much as He certainly does not desire it. The devil and hot weather seem to have formed a most successful league in making many people, at least, think that a program of "eat, drink and be merry" is quite sufficient for them.

We hope, and we believe, that our hopes are not misplaced, that enough Leaguers have the needed consecration to risk at least one eye, on the Life Service Department in the September REVIEW, to bring the attention of others to the same. We promise the virtue of brevity if you Leaguers who are reading this make and fulfill the promise of "going and telling the other fellow."

We have been trying to put a plan of Life Service across mostly by "long distance." The Luther League Executive Committee agrees with the Life Service Secretary that the time is at hand for more "close range" work, hence we are calling all the State and District Life Service Secretaries together for an Institute and Conference this fall, probably the latter part of September or the first of October. The National League can't pay your way, but your District or State can, and will we doubt not for one minute if you are in dead earnest. Now, Mr. State or District Life Service Secretary first of all write us your preference as to time and place of meeting—of course it must be as nearly central as possible. When these have been decided come with the spirit of consecration and cooperation. We'll have some plans to give and hope you will also. Our Life Service Day *must go over* greater than ever. So we leave you with *this one thought—the Life Service Secretaries meet in conference this fall to accomplish this one thing,* viz., the extension of our Master's Kingdom.

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The late Woodrow Wilson wrote: "However mortifying it may be to them or us, America did not come out of the South, and it did not come out of New England. The characteristic part of America originated in the middle states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, because there, from the first, was that mixture of racial stocks, that mixture of antecedents, which is the singular and distinguishing mark of the United States."

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IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Jones had gone from church to church trying to find a congenial congregation and finally stopped in a little church just as the congregation read with the minister: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

Jones dropped into a pew with a sigh of relief. "Thank goodness," he sighed. "I've found my crowd at last."

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PROPHECY FULFILLED

The evening lesson was from the Book of Job, and the minister had just read, "Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out," when immediately the church was in total darkness.

"Brethren," said the minister with scarcely a moment's pause, "in view of the sudden and startling fulfillment of this prophecy, we will spend a few minutes in silent prayer for the electric light company."

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CARELESS!

Mr. Langley—"Ah, they have just dropped their anchor!"

Mrs. Langley—"Dear me! I was afraid they would. It's been dangling outside for some time!"

The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

HINTS FOR YOUR SOCIAL MEETING

A good "live" social in September will do much to create interest in your League activities for the whole season.

A number of young people (cut from fashion magazines) with balloons (circles of colored paper) in their hands, and the caption, "Off to the Luther League Pep Social," will announce the fun.

Feathers passed out as each enters, to be put in the hair, converting all into Indians, will destroy any semblance of formality.

Sing a few songs while the crowd is gathering. Have these multigraphed on sheets so that all may sing. Here are two:

Break the Ice (Tune—"Tipperary").

It's a good time to get acquainted,
  It's a good time to know;
All the hustlers and all the live ones,
  That are here to make things go.
Good-bye, chilly shoulder!
  Good-bye, glassy stare!
When we all join hands and pull together,
  Were sure to get there.

A Gymnastic Song (Tune—"Auld Lang Syne").

Come friends and let us smile a while,
  And give our face a rest,
(All smile)
Come let us stretch our arms a while,
  And exercise our chest.
(Extend arms toward right and left.)
Put up your nimble hands, my dears,
  And up with every eye;
(Hands and eyes raised)
Straight forward stretch your shapely arms,
  But do not ask me why.
(Arms forward)

Now link your hands behind your heads,
  And throw your shoulders back;
(Take above position)
Then jump straight up, as if you were
  A stepping on a tack.
(Jump up and down)
Attention now, and clap your hands,
  All keeping perfect time;
Continue clapping to the end,
  Of this gymnastic rhyme.
(Clap hands during above four lines)

J. H. K.

Additional songs can be found in "Phunology." Or send a two-cent stamp to the office and the song sheet used at the Milwaukee convention will be sent you.

Greet each one with a handshake. There is the Chinese handshake (when one shakes hands with oneself), the society lady's handshake (two fingers daintily stretched forward), the iron grip (a hearty shake which makes one's hand ache), the business man's greeting (a hearty slap on the shoulder), etc. Try these in succession on the first few guests that arrive—the Chinese shake on the jolliest, most sociable person, the society lady's on some big husky man, etc., and then ask them to go among the crowd and shake hands with each one in the same way.

Next play "Blind Animals." Pin on the back of each one the name of some animal. Each one is given paper and pencil and at the end of ten minutes a reward of a box of animal crackers is given the one who secures the longest list of persons with their animal names. No one may write a name on his paper, however, until he has spoken to the person, addressing him by both names, *i.e.*, "Good evening, Mr. Brown Rhinoceros," "How do you do, Miss Smith Elephant," etc.

Have everyone then seated, and call on each one to shake hands with the one to the east of him—then to the west—then north, and south.

By this time everyone should be thoroughly acquainted and ready for the games.

Divide the company into groups. They may be divided into months according to birthdays. They may be divided into groups with animal names. They may be divided into groups according to the color

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Methods

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

(Herald)

One society makes its first meeting in September its rally meeting. The officers make it their business to see that every member and as many prospective members as is possible be personally notified. The membership committee is active. The social and program committees likewise, and every effort is made to have this first meeting become as successful as possible. Their work is as a rule successful and the League evening shows a record attendance.

This does not, however, complete the arrangements. After the program of the evening has been rendered and the members proceed to business before the society, the real aim of this opening meeting is before the League. The pastor or the League president will explain the great work before the young people of today and try to arouse them to a sense of their responsibility by giving them a vision of the task of the Church and sounding the call to service.

And then comes the action. In the society mentioned, a plan has been followed which has proven very successful. The membership of the society is at this meeting divided into squads and each section is then made responsible for the work of the society for the year. These two squads will have their program committee, their social committee, their membership committee, etc. One section will be responsible for the program of one meeting, the other of the next meeting. One section will seek to outdo the other both in the line of programs, membership drives, and the various other activities before the society as such. A spirit of healthy competition and friendly rivalry will result, which will help materially in keeping up the interest during the year.

Every member of the society should be assigned some definite work. The above mentioned plan gives room for this and is therefore so much the more commendable. With these squads working in friendly rivalry to make each succeeding program just a little better than the preceding one and every member being induced to give the best that is in them toward accomplishing this purpose, the society should experience a healthy and steady growth and the spiritual results should follow accordingly. For each squad will, we feel sure, also remember to take the Lord into their confidence in making whatever plans they may have.

At this opening meeting, provision should also be made for deciding what the society should try to accomplish by their work during the year. And here it is well that thought is given not only the local work. We know that it is always right to support in every way the work of the local congregation. But while this is to be done, thought should also be given that larger field which is ever before the Christian Church. One cannot afford to neglect this. I have heard of societies which have learned this lesson and profited by it. Through it a greater interest has been created in its membership. There is a native missionary whom your society may adopt and support; or a native boy or girl at some missionary station; there is a boys' or a girls' school or a hospital that needs your support; there is a needy young man who plans on entering the ministry but lacks the means, and your society could adopt and help him through school. Why shouldn't you do it, if you have not one of your own members who could be induced to go? There are so many ways of furthering the Lord's work and it seems such a pity that they have been so neglected. Write to the Board of Missions as to where best you could help. Or write to the president of one of our colleges or our seminary and get the name of someone who could be assisted through school by your help. Here is an immense field open to the young people of the Church. What a blessed thing if you could help one man into the ministry or one woman into the deaconess work.

Some societies are doing just the line of work indicated above. In order to further the interest, correspondence is carried on between the society and the native missionary or the child or the student its membership is helping to support. You may be sure there is attention when the announcement is made that a letter has reached the society from the person supported in this way, whoever this may happen to be!

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:

With this issue of the REVIEW will be sent a supplement telling the story of the Milwaukee convention.

It was a good convention in every way, the weather was good, the attendance was good, the music was good, the speeches were good, the conferences were good, the banquet was good, our hosts were good, the enthusiasm was good—everything was good.

And not content to keep all the good things to ourselves, we broadcasted, from station WSOE greetings to all the young people of America. This is the first time in our history that we have been able to extend greetings to all leaguers in the country via the radio. No doubt the time will come when we will be able to broadcast the entire proceedings, and leaguers unable to attend need only to turn the dial and tune in.

Please read very carefully the resolutions and have them discussed and acted upon at your league meeting. Note the following in particular:

Resolution 6. The establishment of regions to be composed of contiguous state and synodical leagues looking to the future employment of full time regional field secretaries.

Resolution 7. The campaign for 2,500 additional subscribers to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. Your delegates accepted a quota. Help them raise it.

Resolution 8. The assuming as a Missionary Objective, for the coming biennium, the erection of the Administration Building of Andhra College, India, at a cost of $25,000. The Missionary Secretary and the Finance Committee have formulated plans of which you will hear in the near future. Make their hearts glad by an immediate and whole-hearted response.

Resolution 12. The continuing of the Sustaining Membership Fund, which has made it possible for our departments to function during the past biennium. Join yourself and make your league a member.

Be sure to read the entire convention story. Make it a large part of the program of your next league meeting.

Of course you all know of the splendid tribute paid to the writer on his completion of ten years' service as General Secretary. Dr. Bieber's eloquent and laudatory speech was enough, but when Mr. Dittmer handed him a plate and dropped upon it one by one twenty-five twenty dollar gold pieces, "too much was plenty."

Who all the donors were your secretary does not know, as some preferred to withhold their names, but from the list submitted, his friends throughout the United Lutheran Church, beginning with its president, were parties to the scheme.

The most pleasant feature of it was a statement by the treasurer that it was the easiest money he had ever collected. He sent out but one letter and within a week the money was practically all in hand. This statement has touched your secretary very deeply.

He takes this opportunity to thank you all from the bottom of his heart, and to assure you of his deep appreciation of your confidence, esteem and love.

Having served as General Secretary for ten years he felt constrained to resign his office, that a new and a younger man might enter upon its duties, at this psychological moment when everything is in splendid order.

The Rev. A. J. Traver of New York was elected his successor, but as he cannot assume the duties of his office immediately the Executive Committee have asked your "old" secretary to remain until such time as he can and your "old" secretary has consented.

Mr. E. R. Kochesier, the President of the Ohio League, was elected First Vice President; Miss Rosa Sox, the Treasurer of the North Carolina League, the Second Vice President, and Miss May Scherer, Dean of Marion College, Virginia, the Missionary Secretary. Otherwise the officers remain the same.

We are auspiciously started on a new biennium, may it be the greatest in our history.

League-ally yours,

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THE VALUE OF GOING TO CHURCH

It is written of Jesus, "As His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day."

In Watson's Annals we read of Washington: "On Sunday mornings, at the gate of Christ Church, the appearance of General Washington's coach, awaiting the breaking up of the service, never failed in drawing a crowd of persons eager, when he came forth, for another view of this nobleman of nature."

Theodore Roosevelt gave the following reasons for going to church:

"1. In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.

"2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.

"3. There are enough holidays for most of us. Sundays differ from other holidays in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year—therefore on Sundays go to church.

"4. Yes, I know the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in a man's own house just as well as in church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship.

"5. He may not hear a good sermon at church. He will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in making hard lives a little easier. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss.

"6. He will take part in singing some good hymns."

From the above it will be noted that three of the greatest characters in the world's history realized a value in going to church.

The first value derived from going to church is that of *obedience.* The commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Luther, in his explanation of this commandment, says: "We should so fear and love God as not to despise His Word and the preaching of the Gospel, but deem it holy, and willingly hear and learn it."

In the New Testament comparatively little is said on the subject, because the Apostles take it for granted that all Christians *do* attend the common worship. So St. Paul lays down many rules for proper behavior at public worship, evidently supposing that every believer was present, and did not need any urging from him. In Hebrews 10:25, however, we have a distinct command. Public worship is indeed a divine obligation.

The second value is that of *confession.* By church attendance we testify to our faith in Jesus Christ; by non-attendance, we deny Him, prove our lack of faith and cut ourselves off from the communion of saints. Matt. 10:32-33.

The third value is a *satisfaction of our need.* The Gospel we hear preached is not a lifeless thing, but "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." I Cor. 1:18. The Sacraments that are administered are not empty symbols, but real vehicles of grace.

The fourth value is the *opportunity to express our gratitude.* In gratitude to God, who sent His only begotten Son into the world to be our Saviour—in gratitude to the Son who suffered on the cross for our sakes—in gratitude to the Holy Spirit, who daily calls us through the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies us and preserved us in the true faith—we should assemble ourselves together to render praise and thanksgiving. Psalm 116:12-14.

The fifth value is the *opportunity to show our love.* The true disciple desires nothing more than to be with his Master, to sit at His feet and to feel His presence near, even though His form appears not to mortal eyes. It is here in the assembly of the faithful that his longing can be satisfied. For though Christ dwelleth not in temples made with hands, still we have His solemn promise that in a special sense He is present here. Matthew 18:19. The more we love God, the more earnestly will we seek and love the "habitation of His house, and the place where His honor dwelleth," and the more eagerly will we sing with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

The sixth value is a *practical value.* In God's house we have our spiritual battery recharged; receive instructions for our daily walk, conversation and business; inspiration and strength to attack anew the world, the flesh and the devil; and courage to continue to fight the battle of life.

"To Thy Temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there;
When, within the veil, I meet
Christ, before the mercy seat.

"From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn;
And at evening let me say,
I have walked with God today."

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of the hair—the blondes, the brunettes, the strawberry blondes, and the bald heads.

Pass out toy whistles or horns which may be purchased in quantities, with which each group may root for their contestants in the various games.

Play "Robins Fly," a version of "Simon Says Thumbs Up." The leader calls out "robins fly" and all wave their arms. This they do every time he mentions something that really flies. Should he mention something which does not fly, he continues to wave his arms, but the rest must not.

"Nosey Nose" will create merriment. A sheet or large piece of cardboard has an opening cut just large enough for the nose to be put through. A number in turn stand back of the screen, and put their noses through—the rest must guess who each is. One group may put on this.

"The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" may be put on by another group. On a sheet or large piece of cardboard draw a large daisy or other flower, cutting out the center. Different ones of the group disguised in various ways put their heads through the opening and the others guess who they represent.

"Newspaper Game" may be put on by another group. A newspaper and a dozen pins are given each one and from this, with the aid of scissors, paste, etc., which should be on hand, they construct a costume to represent some character, or some era. A judge is appointed, and rewards, in the form of an old newspaper, may be given the most original, the funniest, the prettiest, etc. Santa Claus, Rip Van Winkle, the Bearded Lady, Hawaiians, can easily be evolved.

"Silence" is a good game. The leader has a number of funny stories ready. He tells one after another and no matter how funny everyone must keep silent and sober. The one laughing or smiling must pay the forfeit of continuing with the telling of funny stories until he in turn catches someone laughing.

"Sing Tag" is another good game. The one "it" chases someone, and the one chased can save himself from being tagged by starting to sing. As long as he continues singing he is safe. He may also save himself by starting in pursuit of someone else who must save himself in turn by starting to sing.

"Backward tug-of-war" is a variation. Instead of standing facing one another the two sides stand back to back and an interesting contest results.

"Water Bearers" may be given by another group. A glass brimful of water is given each contestant, and each must hop on one foot along a course the length of the rooms. The one spilling the least wins, and a suitable reward is a towel or wash rag.

"Hard Boiled Rollers" is another game. Give each a hard boiled egg and have them propel this along the length of the room with a hairpin or lead pencil. An egg-beater may be given the one who first reaches the goal.

Between the games give out favors of various sorts. Everybody likes to take something home from the social. Fancy hats in various colors add to the occasion. They come in infinite variety, clown, pierrots, Chinamen, dolls, tricornes, two colored, flowers, etc. Buy them by the dozen.

Balloons, whistles, crickets, fans, parasols, and many other novelties costing little can be purchased wholesale. There is a

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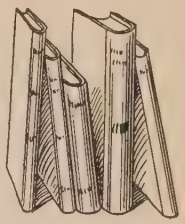

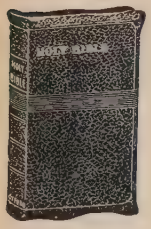

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

"A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way."

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The Prayer Before the Reading.

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Prayer After the Reading.

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 1.—Conspiracy of Haman.—Esther 3:1-15.

Wednesday, Sept. 2.—Fasting Among the Jews.—Esther 4:1-17.

Thursday, Sept. 3.—Courage of Esther.—Esther 5:1-14.

Friday, Sept. 4.—Mordecai Exalted.—Esther 6:1-14.

Saturday, Sept. 5.—Esther's Banquet.—Esther 7:1-10.

Sunday, Sept. 6.—Vengeance Ordered.—Esther 8:1-17.

Monday, Sept. 7.—Vengeance Executed.—Esther 9:1-19.

Tuesday, Sept. 8.—Feast of Purim.—Esther 9:20-10:3.

Wednesday, Sept. 9.—Personal History of Daniel.—Dan. 1:1-21.

Thursday Sept. 10.—The Forgotten Dream.—Dan. 2:1-18.

Friday, Sept. 11.—Revealed to Daniel.—Dan. 2:19-49.

Saturday, Sept. 12.—The Image of Gold.—Dan. 3:1-18.

Sunday, Sept. 13.—The Fiery Furnace.—Dan. 3:19-30.

Monday, Sept. 14.—The Tree Vision.—Dan. 4:1-18.

Tuesday, Sept. 15.—Tree Vision Fulfilled.—Dan. 4:19-37.

Wednesday, Sept. 16.—The Writing on the Wall.—Dan. 5:1-16.

Thursday, Sept. 17.—The Writing Interpreted.—Dan. 5:17-31.

Friday, Sept. 18.—Decree of Darius.—Dan. 6:1-15.

Saturday, Sept. 19.—In the Lion's Den.—Dan. 6:16-28.

Sunday Sept. 20.—Beast Vision of Daniel.—Dan. 7-1-28.

Monday, Sept. 21.—Ram and Rough Goat Vision.—Dan. 8:1-14.

Tuesday, Sept. 22.—Vision Interpreted.—Dan. 8:15-27.

Wednesday, Sept. 23.—Vision of the Seventy Weeks.—Dan. 9:1-27.

Thursday, Sept. 24.—Vision of the Glory of God.—Dan. 10:1-21.

Friday, Sept. 25.—From Darius to the Man of Sin.—Dan. 11:1-20.

Saturday, Sept. 26.—The Little Horn.—Dan. 11:21-45.

Sunday, Sept. 27.—The Great Tribulation.—Dan. 12:1-13.

Monday, Sept. 28.—Ezekiel Commissioned.—Ezk. 2:1-10.

Tuesday, Sept. 29.—Commissioned as Watchman.—Ezk. 3:1-21.

Wednesday, Sept. 30.—Remnant to be Spared.—Ezk. 6:1-14.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HOW CAN THE LUTHER LEAGUE BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

Matt. 5:13-20

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—By Christian Living—Eph. 5:8-16.
Tuesday—By Missionary Services—Acts 16:13-14.
Wednesday—As Leaven—Matt. 13:33.
Thursday—By Personal Evangelism—John 1:35-42.
Friday—By Prayer—I Tim. 2:1-8.
Saturday—By Good Citizenship—Romans 13:1-8.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

This can be made a very practical program. It will not have its effect unless there is some definite plan of service decided upon before the meeting ends.

As a part of this program have a committee appointed to make a survey of the community and its needs. Also have some one to get a summary of the different kinds of people, that is, the negroes, foreigners, etc. List out all the different kinds of charitable institutions in the section of the county. Permit the members of the League to determine which is most worthy and the one they are interested in to help.

Have discussed "A Live League an Asset to a Community."

At some time during the year have the Mayor or some of the city or community officers to come and talk to the League about the welfare of the community.

TOPIC

The people of a community make the place what it is. Their ideals control it and the section is known by the principles for which they stand. The young people greatly influence the standing of their community. They can uplift or degrade the reputation of their town by their habits and actions. The conduct of the young men and women is the key to the morality of any place.

Tht best young people are found in such organizations as the Luther League. They are usually the leaders in the community as well as in the church for they have chosen the highest principles and ideals as their guide. The responsibility of right conduct and right living rests upon them. The community looks to them for that contribution to their town.

The examplary life is an essential in any neighborhood. The spirit of Christianity creates standards. The community copies the actions of those which it respects. Families and friends are guided by what some few think, say, and do. There is power in purity of thought and action. A band of young people determined to do right can influence the entire section of the state. The League is an organization of young people with a purpose of betterment. The League's ideal is Christ and his way of living. The influence of this organization has not been felt because many who are enrolled are not good patterns of their ideal. Some stand aloof and do not work for the good of the community in which they live.

Often a band of young people is judged by its attitude toward charitable organizations and institutions. There is some definite work for every group of men and women, in any community. The League ought to determine to bring joy to some unfortunate lives every month. A concerted action in this field of service would awaken the lives of those in the community and church to do greater things in Christ's name themselves.

The League does not mean anything to the church if it is merely a gathering for a social and an occasional devotional program. Young people can be of active service in the community and Church. The period of youth is the time to cultivate the spirit of Christ. Every Church organization ought to have some definite goal of service in the community because the Church is and ought to be the center of that part of the city or town.

The Christian must show his faith by his works. The League, a band of faithful Christians must do the same. All that is accomplished in the name of the Saviour will not go unrewarded. A cup of cold water given in the name of Christ will have due recognition. Opportunities for service are on every hand. The influence of any Luther League can be made an asset to its community if it will only take a hand in the needs of that section and serve.

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October 11, 1925

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THEY "FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES"

(A Stewardship Meditation)

II Cor. 8:1-15

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Ready Response—Isiah 6:1-8.
Tuesday—Servants of God in Sin—Romans 6:13-23.
Wednesday—A Reasonable Service—Romans 12:1-2.
Thursday—Ready to Be Offered—II Tim. 4:5-8.
Friday—Something Lacking—Matt. 19:16-22.
Saturday—Nothing Lacking—Acts 4:32-37.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

This program ought to be made very practical. Subjects for discussion ought to

be related to the lives of the League members as far as possible.

The Life Service department of the League ought to be consulted in the preparation of this program. Material can be gotten from the Life Service department in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

Material on stewardship can be secured from your pastor. Also suggestions for short plays or dialogues can be secured from the Publication House, Philadelphia, Pa.

Distribute several prayers through the meeting. Ask those who are able to prepare the best prayers to render this part of the program.

Do not neglect individuals who have certain talents. Make use of them at every meeting possible. Recitations and music are always acceptable.

TOPIC

The average Christian thinks of the stewardship of life from the wrong angle. The thought is usually of giving what one possesses and after that has been used the Lord will want the individual. This is just the opposite of the principles of the Saviour. The Apostles practiced the Saviour's example and the same has been passed on unto the Christian Church today.

There is a definite order in the religion of Christ as well as in everything else in the universe. One effort of the Christian ought to be to find out that order and follow it as far as possible. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" is a spiritual admonition worthy of consideration. God reveals His desires through His Holy Word. He speaks in terms that are often contrary to the worldly minded. The same is true in the many different phases of Christian culture and life. The spirit of stewardship embodies ideals that are contrary to the general opinions of even many Church people. Our subject speaks very forcibly for the right order in the field of stewardship.

When the principle of giving oneself first is analyzed a new light is revealed to the life of a follower of Christ. Life is seen from a new angle. It is worth while to live and serve in the place God has seen fit to place him. All that is accomplished is for the glory of God. There is a new meaning to all actions. All activities are to be accounted for. The deeds of the hands are records in the service of the Master.

Wealth and possessions which were once thought of as most important have now become secondary. These are essentials of life and are aids in the Kingdom of God but the heart and life of the individual are valued more than all the wealth of the world.

Christ said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." When God is chosen first and the other things of life are second the right order of the Kingdom has been established. If the treasures of this world are needed to further the gospel there will be no difficulty in securing them.

Life service is commendable at all times. God acknowledges the giving of self in His service as a worthy act. He promises that such a step will not go unrewarded. He is ever ready to add others to His army of workers. "The field is white unto harvest and the laborers are few." The summons comes to some as a command. They can not refuse. God's command for others is easily cast aside.

Let it be said that the Luther League gives many of its number into the service of God's kingdom, assisting in spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

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October 18, 1925

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN?

(Citizenship Day)

Mic. 6:8; Tit. 3:1-8

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Be Faithful to God and Country—Matt. 22:15-21.
Tuesday—Be Law-abiding—Romans 13:1-4.
Wednesday—Respect Officials and Pay Taxes—Romans 13:5-7.
Thursday—Obey Lawful Authorities—I Peter 2:13-17.
Friday—Pray for Rulers and the State—I Tim. 2:1-4.
Saturday—Be Faithful to Christ in Persecution—Acts 24.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Have read at this meeting a part of the National or State Constitution. We are not as familiar as we ought to be with these documents. The parts that will appeal to the League can be selected.

Some local city officer may be secured to discuss some phase of citizenship. Subjects like the following will be appropriate: "Patriotism," "Obedience," "Taxes," and "The Vote."

An explanation of the three phases of our government will be helpful for the members of the League. Not many of them can explain the work of the Executive, Judicial and Legislative bodies of our government.

Patriotic hymns or songs will be suitable for this program. Patriotic stories or poems will also be appropriate.

Display the American flag and give its history as a part of the closing feature of the program.

TOPIC

Religion and patriotism are very closely associated. If a man is a good citizen he is usually a faithful member of some church. On the other hand, the church expects her members to be obedient to the laws of the

land. A religious man is loyal to his government because it is a part of his life to be faithful to the institution that protects and shelters him.

The spirit of disobedience is prevalent today. It is seen on every hand. Joined with this post war spirit is recklessness. The thoughtless multitudes live under the impression that what they can get away with is all right. The religion of the individual is to a great extent responsible for this attitude. The war established the spirit of compromise in many phases of life and that leaven has not been destroyed. But on the other hand, it has aided in developing in this land a spirit of lawlessness. A good citizen will not break the laws of the land knowingly.

The speed law and the prohibition are the two statutes that are most often broken. Both are serious crimes; however, they are regarded lightly by many young people today. Some are guilty of these breaches because they think these laws have taken away their liberties. America is a free country. And her citizens speak of their liberties. Nevertheless, that which one may consider his privilege may have to be given up for the sake and welfare of the community. No one lives unto himself. The American nation was established for the welfare of the community and not the individual.

The majority determines the statutes of this land. If one happens to be in the minority it is his duty to abide by the rule of the majority. Anyone who will not be obedient simply because he disagrees with the law is not a good citizen. Being a member of a certain party does not give one the privilege to disregard the laws established under the opposing party. Many have lost their religion as well as their self respect in trying to overdo the party spirit.

America needs broadminded impartial men. Citizens that are fair and square with themselves as with others. She needs those who will live for her principles and not against them. The young people demand the guidance of the older citizens. Examplary lives have done more to establish this government on a firm footing than anything else. Son and daughter will do as father and mother does. The lawlessness and spirit of disobedience is traceable to the lack of home training and guidance. Religion as well has suffered from this neglect. Patriotism includes obedience to the laws of the land. Christian citizenship includes patriotism. Therefore a Christian citizen is obedient at all times.

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Peace Where Appreciated—An English schoolboy rendered "Pax in bello," as "Freedom from indigestion."—*Boston Transcript.*

October 25, 1925

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE WAY OF CHRIST IN RACE RELATIONS

(Through Industry)

Mark 1:16-18; Acts 13:3

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Acts 18:3.
Tuesday—Mark 6:1-6.
Wednesday—I King 7:13-22.
Thursday—Acts 18:1-4.
Friday—Matthew 4:18-22.
Saturday—Acts 19:23-27.

This is the second very practical topic on the general theme of especial interest, "The Way of Christ in Race Relations." This topic, I believe, has been more generally discussed in the educational forums than any other social problem, this year. Our attention and thought this week centers about "Christ's Way Through Industry."

To all of us whether we live in the city, in thriving towns or in rural communities this is a very and practical topic and permits of much discussion. The races of the world live among us and are an important part of the industrial and social life of our communities. Often have I rode through one city after another and studied carefully the various racial characteristics of the people whom I rode with on the subways, street cars and motor busses. Portion after portion, too, of these cities as we passed through them showed obviously the race of the people who lived there. In every city or town or even smaller communities there are various so-called "foreign settlements" until one is led to feel that a city is nothing more or less than a larger group of small communities of the various races of the world who reside there.

It is impossible to entirely segregate the races of the world. It is natural that people speaking the same language and dialect should seek to live in communities together, but when they perform their various services to the world in earning a living for themselves and families, they come into contact with the other races who need their services.

It would seem that a Christian ought to be able to show the Christ-likeness of his life more perfectly to those with whom he works day by day at the bench, in the shop, in the factory or in the office, and even in the farming community. He is giving the best hours of the day and the best strength of his life to the performance of his daily task. Consequently the unconscious influence of his life must have its effect upon those with whom he comes into contact. What kind of a conception do those who work about you day by day have of your Christian life? Are they influenced for good or for evil? Whether or not you ever mention the name of Jesus as the power and influ-

ence of your life, your own actions day by day tell it more perfectly than your tongue could ever hope to do.

Naturally therefore a Christian ought to portray the way of Christ in Race Relations better than one who is not a Christian.

In the industrial world during the past ten years there has been more and more emphasis placed upon what is generally termed "personnel work," which is an attempt from the good business standpoint to have workmen in industrial centers to become more satisfied with their respective tasks and to increase their industrial efficiency through contentment and personal happiness. The entire emphasis of "personnel work" is to change one's environment and living standards to that of a real American home with its comforts and advantages.

Christ in His way went deeper into the problem of race relationship than "personnel work" could hope to do at the present time; for Christ sought the soul of the individual whereas "personnel work" seeks mainly the improvement of the surroundings of the individual. To the "foreign" Samaritan woman He emphasized the proper relationship of her life to the God who was the Father not only of the Jew but the Father of all the races of the world.

In dealing with this problem of race relationships, one must realize that each race of the world has some outstanding ability which enables its people to perform certain tasks with greatest efficiency. Some excel in the making of watches, others in the manufacture of toys, others in the making of vases and globes, others in wood carvings, others in the refining of metals, others in the combining of the grosser metallic compounds, others are "born" musicians; whereas others excel in cooking, and many feel especially fitted for positions where great patience is required in highly routine work where the higher-strung mental type cannot find enjoyment or contentment in its performances. There are types of work that the Japanese can do better than the Negro, and the Negro excels in types of work which is very wearisome to the white race. God seems to have carefully and wisely endowed every race of the world with certain gifts through training and inheritance whereby they may render a large service to the world.

God evidently intended that each race should have the opportunity to serve each other with the gift with which he endowed them. He evidently intended that no one race should rule over another, but should seek to be the greatest by being the servant of all.

The secular press of the country has had much to say in its columns recently about the treatment of natives industrially and socially in Portuguese East Africa, as a result of the confidential document released by the League of Nations comprising a careful study of conditions there by a Professor Ross, of America, a private Christian traveler to that country. It is a great day when the Christian people of the world become stirred up in this day and generation over conditions in the country which are as bad, if not worse, than during the slave trade of Africa.

We must continue to bring to bear upon the races of the world, as they dwell among us, and as we dwell among them, the message of the Son of Man who came not to be ministered unto but to give His life that all might live and to come to know the true Fatherhood of His Heavenly Father.

As Christians we must seek constantly for all the races of the world the equality of opportunity, the inculcation of the ideals of Christ-like service and love and the emphasis upon the unity of all mankind in the true Fatherhood of God.

When industry more and more becomes Christlike in thought and deed, when it recognizes all the races of the world as Christian brethren, then only will we have that new order of industrial co-operation and efficiency which all of us hoped for, and for which we pray.

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ETIQUETTE OF THE HAT

Without consulting any of the authorities on etiquette, we will answer the question, "When is the proper time for a man to lift or remove his hat?" for the benefit of our readers. At the following times and on the following occasions, respectfully, the hat should be removed or lifted as the circumstances indicate: When mopping the brow; when taking a bath; when eating; when going to bed; when taking up a collection; when having the hair trimmed; when being shampooed, and when standing on the head.

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store in every large town handling such things.

Give out three or four of these during the evening.

Conclude the fun by distributing from the platform to all the parts of the room serpentines which can be unwound and thrown about the room.

With good refreshments to close the social, and a brief, well put announcement of and invitation to your League activities for the fall and winter your "League Pep Social" will be a success.

LARGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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scribe" its quota, but she is being closely pursued by Minnesota and New York. It's going to be an interesting race, for the Virgin State has the real missionary spirit.

A Dozen Dimes

While the method of each State organization's reaching its quota is entirely in the hands of that Luther League organization, it may be interesting to learn that one of the Leagues is working out the individual League quotas on the basis of Twelve Dimes or a "dozen dimes"—10 cents a week for twelve weeks. One District organization discovering that there were twelve weeks between its July quarterly rally and its October one suggested that each Leaguer contribute in a special envelope a dime a week until that Rally.

The Chairman of the Committee would be glad to receive information from all individual Leagues, Districts, State or Synodical Leagues as to the methods used in the various Leagues which have proven successful not only in helping them reach their quota but in intensifying the missionary interest of that League.

Aim for an "Oversubscription"

We have never had such a challenging and worth-while task. We have never had such an opportunity to show the immensity of our abilities and resources. We have never had such loyalty and such enthusiasm in our great tasks. We have never had a time when we could the more easily accomplish not only the reaching of the goal which we have set for ourselves, but when we could "oversubscribe" each quote by a substantial margin. Each League is "oversubscribing" its own objectives, and it will "oversubscribe" this objective also.

The consecrated youth of the United Lutheran Church does not fail in its objectives. It never has and never will. That's why I am thoroughly convinced that the erection of the Administration Building at the Andhra Christian College by the Luther Leaguers of America will be a reality. Expect big things. God expects big things from the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow.

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SAFETY IN NUMBERS

During his first charge a clergyman found the women of the church entirely too much interested. Such a storm of petty squabbles arose from their over-eagerness to help that in despair he gave up. Not long afterward he met his successor.

"How are you getting along with the women?" asked the escaped minister.

"Very well," was the answer. "There's safety in numbers."

"I found it in Exodus," was the rejoinder. —*Everybody's Magazine.*

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NOT QUITE CORRECT

"I liked that young fellow you were with the other night, so I asked him to dinner this evening. Told him to drop around in his business-clothes."

"O, father! He's a life guard."

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IN BRIEF

There are four chapters of the Bible in which sin is not mentioned—two at the beginning and two at the end. The first two chapters tell of the creation of the earth; the last two speak of the creation of a new earth. After the creation, sin entered; with the recreation, sin forever will be banished.

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Sixteenth Convention Luther League of America—

Milwaukee, Wisconsin—July 7 - 9, 1925

BY MRS. MINNIE L. PETERSON

"Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,
Out where the smile dwells a little longer,
That's where the west begins;
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,
That's where the west begins."

—*Chapman.*

Yes, "out where the west begins"—that's where the sixteenth convention of the Luther League of America was held—"Out where a fresher breeze is blowing, where there's laughter in every streamlet flowing"—near God's great open spaces—in the midst of the greatest dairying country in the whole United States—or perhaps we get a little closer when we say out in the great Northwest where they raise men like La Follette and Dr. Bieber, and from which section will some day come a Lutheran president of the United States if Dr. Bieber's prediction comes true—out there in the city of Milwaukee, that's where we met!

Milwaukee was at one time famed for something that supposedly helped to make it a hospitable city, but even without that beverage the city of Milwaukee was a hospitable host to the 257 delegates and visitors in attendance at the convention, and the Rev. Dr. W. W. Kennerly, the genial pastor loci, helped in every way to make it pleasant for his visitors.

Even the weather man helped us out, for beginning with Monday, when other sections of the country were sweltering, it turned cool in Milwaukee and remained pleasant until the end of our stay.

Many of the Leaguers from various parts of the country took advantage of the lake trip to and from Chicago and tell us they enjoyed the cooling zephyrs of Lake Michigan tremendously.

The convention city is so far from the center of Lutheranism (U. L. C.) that we did not have the usual large numbers from Pennsylvania and New York, but nearby states sent correspondingly larger numbers. We were happy to have with us a representative from Oregon, and three from Florida, but they came even greater distances than that, for during the convention we were privileged to listen to an address by the Rev. J. Roy Strock, D.D., of India. Mr. Joel Lakra of India also visited with us one day, and Mr. Claude Markoe of the Virgin Islands brought greetings from the Luther League of our newest Island possession.

All sessions were held in the Church of the Redeemer, at 19th Street and Grand Avenue. The Hotel Wisconsin had been chosen as the headquarters' hotel, and most delegates made this their "home." The banquet was held in Gimbel's Grill Room.

First Afternoon

The convention unofficially opened with a state officers' conference on Tuesday afternoon, July 7, at 1 o'clock, in charge of Messrs. Banker and Dittmer.

The first question for discussion was "The REVIEW and Its Business"—"Are we satisfied with the REVIEW as it is?"

Thoughts brought out indicated that as the REVIEW had been steadily improving we were satisfied—some wanted more news items.

It was suggested that an "exchange list" be gotten up, enabling all those who have state and district papers to exchange ideas. Names to be turned in to Mrs. Peterson, who in turn will get up the list.

Junior and Intermediate work was stressed.

Mr. Clyde Armitage gave a short talk on the work of the Near East Relief and asked that we assist in the observance of the Golden Rule Sunday.

Mr. Hodges stressed the work of the Life Service department, and asked that all state and district leagues appoint departmental secretaries who will, in turn, keep in touch with the national departmental secretaries.

Mr. Dittmer was given an opportunity to speak on his favorite subject, "Finances!" He asked treasurers especially to keep accurate statistics. A report on sustaining membership fund was included.

The official opening of the convention took place at 3 o'clock, with President Banker in the chair.

Devotions were in charge of the Rev. A. J. Traver, convention chaplain, and we thought it very fitting that he should read that wonderful passage of scripture found in St. Matthew's gospel, the fifth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

After the reading of the first report it was moved and carried that a committee on resolutions and reports be appointed, and all reports be referred to this committee.

The following reports were read and acted upon accordingly:

Report of the General Secretary

Milwaukee, July 7, 1925.

TO THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA:

As we come to another mountain-top outlook, such as these biennial conventions always afford, we should look in two directions; *backward*, to thank God for His numberless mercies in the past; *forward*, to see what is yet to be done, and how best with His help we may do it.

First, the *background view*, while we humbly confess that we have left undone many things which we ought to have done, we can rejoice and be glad in the way God has used the poor efforts, the hesitating faith, the imperfect consecration, we have given Him.

Then, the *forward view*, fields white to the harvest, abundant opportunities, youth capable of the task, a Heavenly Help that never fails. Surely it is a view into a Promised Land.

From the number of delegates registered, this sixteenth convention, will doubtless be one of the smallest in point of numbers, in the history of the Luther League of America, doubtless due to the fact that we are convening rather far from the centre of our constituency and the attendant expense.

But the Kingdom of God depends not on numbers. The assurance is ever ours: "That where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

The program is designed to demonstrate the whole program of the Luther League of America and so arranged that each delegate may attend the entire demonstration.

NECROLOGY

Since our last convention two of our former presidents have entered into life:

William Casper Stoever, Litt. D., President from 1901 to 1914.

E. Augustus Miller, Esq., President from 1914 to 1916.

Miss Virginia Boyer, one of our active Pennsylvania Leaguers and missionary to India was the victim of a steamship collision and now awaits the Resurrection Morn in the depths of the sea.

"O blest communion, fellowship divine:
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia."

NEW UNITS

Since our last convention the following units have been received into the Luther League of America by the Executive Committee:

South Carolina, Porto Rico, Southern California, Texas and several isolated local leagues.

Within the past few days a Luther League of the Georgia Synod has been formed, but as yet have not made application for membership in the Luther League of America.

The Michigan Synod will organize a synodical league next week.

Your secretary has also been in correspondence with Licentiate Stange, the leader of the Lutheran Young People of Germany.

FINANCES

Th finances of the League are in good condition, due largely to the help afforded by the Sustaining Membership Fund.

The life of this fund expires with this convention and some action must be taken relative to the future financing of the League.

Your secretary is of the opinion that we ought to request the United Lutheran Church to set apart the Sunday nearest to Luther's Birthday (Nov. 10) as Young People's Day requesting the local congregation to use in connection with the evening service a program arranged, printed, and distributed gratis by the Luther League of America and the offering lifted at said service to be given to the Luther League of America for the furtherance of its work.

STATISTICS

Goethe said: "Statistics govern the world."

We herewith submit those for the Luther League of America:

Senior organizations, 825, membership.....	23,330
Intermediate organizations, 107, membership..	1,760
Junior organizations, 204, membership.....	6,649
Total membership	31,739
Local offerings	$45,795.56
Benevolent offerings	23,620.28
Total offerings	$69,415.84

There are doubtless more individuals connected with the Luther League of America but we report only those in good standing, i. e., that meet their obligations.

THE DEPARTMENTS

The Educational Department.—Day by day we are adding to our list of daily Bible readers which is very encouraging to your secretary.

Our Topics are becoming more and more popular as they are used.

The REVIEW, in spite of the campaign, does not get beyond the 5,000 subscription mark. New subscriptions are being constantly received but in spite of bills and follow-up cards many do not renew their subscriptions at expirations.

The office does all in its power and we suggest that our units take it upon themselves to have a subscription secretary appointed in each local league to secure new and renewed subscriptions to our literature.

The REVIEW and *Topics Quarterly* have not only become self sustaining, but have paid off the last $1,000 instalment on the deficit.

The Executive Committee have arranged a series of Efficiency Goals, built around our three fold objective which can be seen on the literature table together with a number of other pamphlets on organization and program work.

The Literature Committee is revising the manuscript of the hand book bringing it up to date.

Our Reading Courses are not used to the extent intended, doubtless due to the cost of the books, but every year we are slowly but surely adding to our list of readers.

The Missionary Department.—This department has suggested to the Executive Committee the erection of the Administration Building at Andhra College, India, at a cost of $25,000 as a Missionary Objective for the Luther League of America for the coming biennium.

Life Service Department.—The great need of this department is a full-time secretary.

It is cooperating with the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church.

It has in its possession over one thousand cards signed by young people preparing for definite life service in the Church.

THE DELEGATES ASSEM

The Intermediate Department.—This department has the most comprehensive intermediate program in the American Church. Recognizing this fact, the Boy's Work Committee of the United Lutheran Church stands ready to cooperate with it as soon as a full-time secretary is secured.

A Committee is at work seeking said secretary.

The Junior Department.—After many meetings and the expenditure of several hundred dollars since the York Convention, trying to coordinate the Junior Luther League and the Light Brigade as per the action of said convention, an agreement has been reached, sanctioned by the Chicago Convention of the United Lutheran Church, whereby both organizations shall prosecute their work as heretofore, but coordinate their programs beginning January 1, 1926.

The Departments have been treated rather generally in this report. The details will appear in other reports.

The Executive Committee, has met regularly since the York Convention and transacted all as interim business.

It elected Mr. John Greiner, the Secretary of the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Stoever.

The Committee solicited an invitation from Milwaukee for this convention on the strength of votes taken by our units at conventions as being midway between New York, Charlotte and Omaha, from whom we received invitations.

The stock of the Luther League Hymnal being exhausted "Hymns and Prayers" was substituted.

The three following recommendations are submitted to the Convention, by the Committee:

1—That the Luther League of America assume as its missionary objective for the coming biennium, the erection of the Administration Building of Andhra College, India, at a cost of $25,000, the details of collecting the funds to be referred to the Finance Committee with power.

2—Your committee is of the opinion that the Luther League of America would be better served if it was organized in regions by the grouping of several contiguous state organizations and recommends that it be given authority to effect such organization.

3—The terms of Dr. E. F. Eilert and the Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D.D., expire as members of the Executive Committee and they have suggested that others more active be elected.

In view of their many years of service and sacrifice to the Luther League of America, the Executive Committee recommends that they be elected to Life Honorary Membership.

THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

At this convention your General Secretary rounds out ten years of service.

In traveling about the Church one learns many things, one of them being, that with rare exceptions, the cause would be well served, if officials retired at the end of ten years of service.

Your General Secretary does not believe himself to be one of those "rare exceptions," and therefore hands back to you the office with which you intrusted him ten years ago.

In view of his resignation may he be permitted to contrast the beginning with the end of the decade?

At its beginning we had an uncertain membership, no headquarters, one employed secretary, a six-cent per capita apportionment, two departments, three pieces of literature and ten thousand dollars' worth of debts.

Today we have a bonafide membership, forty-five pieces of literature, a twenty-five-cent per capita apportionment, five departments, a two-room office, a full time staff of three persons with another called and a part time staff of six persons, a departmentalized program, most of our units have missionary objectives, we are solvent, have an income and an appropriation.

Our feet are firmly planted on the first rung of the ladder of great achievement, the psychological time for a new and a younger man to take the leadership.

In "Holy Writ," we are told that "one man soweth and another reapeth." Dr. Kuhns was the planter, your present General Secretary, the sower and the waterer, the time has come for another to reap. Surely God will send the increase!

"Toil away and set the stone
That shall stand when you are gone
Ask not that another see
The meaning of your masonry.

Grind the gem and dig the well
For what? for whom?—I cannot tell,
The stone may mark a boundary line,
The well may flow, the gem may shine.

Be it wage enough for you
To shape them well and set them true,
Of the future who can tell?
Work, my friends and so farewell."

IN CONCLUSION

Be much in prayer during this Convention for yourself, for the speakers, for the leaders, that God may use them in a remarkable way for blessing the "young people" of the United Lutheran Church. Pray that you may let Christ reign in your heart, and that you may be willing to be led of God in answering the challenges that shall come to you, for better personal living, for a consecrated life of service and leadership in your own league or for the call to active service on the field. Let God open the way in these days,—these days of opportunity as never before.

Will you make the complete sacrifice during these mountain-top days?

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY HODGES,
General Secretary.

BLED AT MILWAUKEE

President's Report

Practically all the items of interest to you in the work have been covered by the report of the General Secretary who is your executive officer, but a review of such things as are pregnant to the organization's progress is a part of your President's duty.

God has indeed been kind to us during the three years just past, and things contemplated for years have been permitted accomplishment.

The League has probably never known a greater three years of expansion due largely to the fruition of plans made possible by the various funds to which our people have contributed, as well as to the impetus which the United Church has given us by adopting us and the interest which pastors and church leaders have manifested in our work.

The hearts and minds of many of the leaders have been filled with a desire to serve, to give to the

church the organization which they felt was necessary, as their share in the upbuilding of our Lutheran Zion, but until very recent years they have not been able to achieve that which they would.

Our prayers should rise in thankfulness to Him who has blessed us.

This is not the place to stop however as with the achievement has come added responsibilities. The League cannot function as in times past, the Church is looking to it, to do those things which it is giving it opportunity to do.

Your President participated in the Junior Secretary, the Junior and Intermediate Committee Chairmen, as well as the General Secretary, in settlement of the Junior situation. It has been solved in the method laid down by you at the York Convention, but provision should be made so that your Executive Committee have more freedom of action in the future conduct of the work. Confidence should be placed more generously.

With the appointment of the Junior as well as the Intermediate Secretary we have filled a gap in our work which has needed filling for some time; the next work we must undertake in a more intensive way is Life Service and Missions, and it will not be long before the very urgency of the work will compel our having a secretary to devote all his time to it.

It has been apparent to your President for a number of years that more intensive work must be done in the State and Synodical Leagues; as it is, it is manifestly impossible for the General Secretary to do more than supervise the work.

It was with this thought in mind we have made the suggestion to the several organizations of having a secretary for the State or Synod or having regional secretaries who could cover contiguous territory in an intensive way. We are convinced that if we can carry out this plan we can materially strengthen the existing organizations and add to their membership.

Several of our Synodical Leagues have elected secretaries and others contemplate doing so. If we can get our organizations generally to adopt the plan, we are convinced it will be the means of helping them as well as the National League.

Strong leadership is necessary in our work. In the selection of our leaders we should have in mind not intellectual attainment only, but those whose minds and hearts are in God, and who do their work unmindful of either plaudits or criticism. God is able to help these and does so that we need have no fear of accomplishment if we select such for our Leaders: God will give the gifts.

We need a prayerful membership, we need those who pray and pray for our leaders, who do not elect them only, but carry them in their hearts and pray continually, for the duty is not only for the leader, but for the members as well.

Fellow Leaguers, if we have these two God will bless us with success in our work and we shall have the privilege of real service for him.

You will note from the General Secretary's report that the REVIEW has been put into a position of real service and at the same time gotten out of debt, and for the first time in a number of years comes to you out of debt, a result largely of the work of Mr. Hodges.

The treasurer and Mr. Griener have done a real work for us in a financial way and should receive the thanks of the Convention.

All of our Committee Chairmen and Department Secretaries have done a work which ought to be appreciated by all of us. They ought also to receive our thanks.

In all our joy, there is a bit of sadness; the Executive Secretary has already presented his resignation to this convention, and I am sure I express the sorrow and regret of every one of our members in the loss of Mr. Hodges to our work.

Ten years ago, he began in the work and since that time it has been our pleasure to serve with him, and we have been so closely associated that we have been able to know some of the joys and sorrows and sacrifices he has made in the upbuilding of our work.

No sacrifice of time, comfort or means has been too much for him.

The foundation of the Luther League was builded on the sacrifice of those whose names became a household word to the League (some of them God has called home), and whom we still revere.

They builded faithfully and well.

Harry Hodges has built a superstructure worthy in every way the foundation, one to which we as Leaguers can point with a just pride. We should not fail to recognize the faithfulness: the unselfishness, the zeal and courage of the one outstanding figure among those to who we entrusted the building and to whom we owe much of its beauty and usefulness.

It is more than a pleasure, it is a duty with our knowledge of the man to pay personal tribute and thanks. May we in appreciation show our thanks by greater vision and enthusiasm for the accomplishment of still greater things and justify the sacrifice of our leaders during the years past.

There is a place for the League in our Church. To serve in greater measure than ever in the next biennium, should be the earnest purpose of the League.

May God give the talent and grace to do for Him all that He has offered us the privilege of doing, is the earnest prayer of your President.

WALTER BANKER.

Kingston, Penn., July 2, 1925.

WALTER BANKER
President

Report of the Treasurer

September 1922 to June, 1925, inclusive.

BALANCE at last Report	$ 209.44
RECEIPTS	
Dues	15,862.65
York Convention Receipts	482.72
Literature Sales	127.66
Contributions	110.71
Junior Objectives	266.90
Sustaining Membership Fund (for Depts.)	4,652.74
Borrowed Membership Fund	2,800.00
Total	$24,512.82
EXPENDITURES	
General Secretary Salary	$5,433.14
General Secretary Expense Account	4,091.89
Clerk's Salary	1,725.12
Office Expense	2,762.90
Executive Committee Expense	2,389.15
Literature Committee Expense	394.96
Intermediate Department Expense	1,556.34
Junior Department Expense	1,729.99
Missionary Department Expense	180.00
Life Service Department Expense	317.65
York Convention Expense	384.11
Printing	316.29
Office Furnishings	190.20
Advertising	113.63
Insurance	16.15
Stationery	40.80
Multigraphing	90.95

Labels		$ 28.31
Miscellaneous		58.77
Loans Repaid		1,800.00
Total		$23,620.35
Balance		$892.47
Bank Balance	$842.47	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Total Balance	$892.47	
Of which $266.90 is reserved for the Junior Objective		266.90
Balance		$625.57

The following units have paid their 1925 dues in full; and are therefore upon the Honor Roll:

HONOR ROLL

Columbia District	New York
Detroit District	North Carolina
Illinois	Nova Scotia
Indiana	Ohio
Iowa	South Carolina
Minnesota	Virginia
New Jersey	Wisconsin.

The following units have paid their dues to date and are deserving honorable mention:

Connecticut Nebraska

The following units have made part payments on account of their indebtedness:

Kansas Pennsylvania

The following units have made no payments whatever:

Maryland and the Pacific Northwest District.

The Luther League of America is indebted to the Sustaining Membership Fund to the amount of $1,000 borrowed for the general account which will be repaid from outstanding dues.

C. C. DITTMER,
Treasurer.

The above account has been audited and found correct.

MARION V. HIRZEL,
Chairman Auditing Committee.

Report of Luther League Review and Topics Account

January 1, 1923, to June 30, 1925, inclusive.

RECEIPTS

On account of REVIEW	$ 9,085.41
On account of *Topics Quarterly*	6,797.70
Contributions	51.20
Total	$15,934.31

EXPENDITURES

For Printing REVIEW	$ 9,949.79
For Printing *Topics*	2,373.98
Clerk's Salary	780.00
Cuts	178.32
Stencils	20.46
Labels	29.00
Wrappers	67.69
Reprints	3.00
Multigraphing	4.00
Envelopes	82.75
Postage	271.36
Bulk Postage	401.01
Stationery	76.33
Bill Heads	12.53
Campaign Cost	35.00
Refund over-paid account	19.51
Balance in full old deficit	1,000.00
Total	$15,304.73
Balance	$629.58
Bank Balance	$629.58

C. C. DITTMER,
Treasurer.

The above account has been audited and found correct.

MARION V. HIRZEL,
Chairman Auditing Committee.

Report of the Finance Committee

For the three years ending June 30, 1925.

Your Finance Committee, like the Executive Committee and your officers, has had three years not only of intense activity but three years of marvelous results. We can truthfully say with the others that what we thought at York was impossible has virtually been accomplished.

Your Finance Committee, however, realizes that these changes in the financial standing of the Luther League of America and in the new spirit of enthusiasm and optimism so prevalent now throughout all the constituent members of the Luther League of America has not been brought about solely through the efforts of the members of the Finance Committee. The task was far too big and too nationwide for any one committee.

The big results have been accomplished only through the consecrated and united efforts of the officers and members of the Executive Committee, the individual members of the special "Sustaining Membership" Committee, the Presidents and officers of the State and Synodical organizations and in many cases the officers or individuals in a District organiza-

CLARENCE C. DITTMER
Treasurer

tion together with the united and enthusiastic cooperation of a host of former Luther Leaguers, present Leaguers and many interested friends. Without the united help of all, these amazingly large results would not have been accomplished.

We believe that this is the first convention that the Luther Leaguers of America have been able to come to without owing a cent of indebtedness but having a substantial balance in the bank reserved for future advance work in this inspiring organization.

THE BUDGET OF THE LEAGUE

Early in 1923 a budget was adopted by the Executive Committee, and strictly adhered to. Every year since then a budget has been adopted and *used* effectively.

A continuous effort has been made, with splendid success, to endeavor to have every constituent organization of the Luther League of America pay its annual dues as near to January first of each year as possible in advance. It has been extremely gratifying to witness the enthusiastic support given the League by the various State treasurers. The Indiana State League has been the leader in getting in its dues. That League surprised the Executive Committee this year in having paid its entire dues in January before the Executive Committee meeting. Honorable mention should also be made of New York, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, North Carolina and South Carolina who have responded splendidly.

A healthy organization like the Luther League of America if it is to stay in its present condition must never be allowed to fall back again to the former haphazard method of financing. Its dues ought to begin to come in in January, the majority of its dues ought to be in in June before its heaviest and yet leanest months of the year set in, and the balance ought to come in *before the end* of the year. Anything less than that does not denote health.

The loan from the "Sustaining Membership" at

the present time based on this collateral income is $1,000.

The "Sustaining Membership"

During the past three years the members of the Finance Committee approved an idea suggested by Mr. John Greiner, Jr., of Scranton, which gradually expanded into the "sustaining membership" plan, whereby individuals and Luther Leagues have been helping in financing advance work by contributions of $5.00 to $100 a year for the three years.

These contributions have totalled during the two and one half years over $10,500. These funds have helped to provide for the calling and employment of a Junior Secretary, an Intermediate Secretary, a stenographer at the central headquarters, special appropriations for the traveling expenses of the General Secretary to new territories far removed which in the future will join our organization, and for the strengthening of the various new departments of the League. A detailed report of that portion of our work would consume many pages of a report if it were given in full.

It will suffice to say, however, that the new spirit of enthusiasm and accomplishment so widespread now is due, we believe in no small part to the "Sustaining Members" who so nobly and loyally stood by us during the past three years.

Your Chairman has had with him not only a splendid "on the job" Finance Committee consisting of John Greiner, Jr., of Scranton; Raymond Lutz, of Ohio; Mr. H. P. Caemmerer, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Kiester, of Virginia; but a "Sustaining Membership" Committee of much larger dimensions whose names are equally as well known to you and who have accomplished worthwhile results in their respective territories.

Particular mention, however, should be made at this time to one who is not well-known to you. Miss Margaret Tannler, of Scranton, willingly has given up every Saturday afternoon for these past three years and doubtless many evenings, too, to helping John Greiner keep the records and reports. The Committee would recommend:

> *That* a special vote of thanks be given by the Convention for the willing and interested services of Miss Margaret Tannler, of Scranton, without whose help we believe the present splendid results for the "Sustaining Membership" would have been impossible.

The Luther League Review

In January, 1923, the publisher of the Luther League Review was finally convinced by a special committee of the Executive Committee that the deficit of the Luther League Review should not be permitted to grow any larger and that the accounts should be transferred to the Philadelphia office so that an effort could intelligently be made to put the Review and the *Topics* on a paying basis.

This arrangement was finally agreed to, and it has resulted, largely through the efforts of the General Secretary and Editor, Mr. Harry Hodges, Miss Emily School, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, Mr. O. C. C. Fetta, Chairman of the Luther League Review Campaign Committee, and his fellow-members and representatives in the various organizations of the Luther League of America, in putting the Review on a paying basis. The Finance Committee wishes to thank that Committee for its splendid work.

The Committee is therefore particularly pleased to announce that the Luther League Review has paid its previous indebtedness out of the surplus receipts of the Review and *Topics*. Thus that long-standing, threatening debt ceased to be.

The Luther League Review is not only a paying proposition but it is no longer bought as a duty, but because the Review is now an indispensable part of the equipment of every active Luther Leaguer and Luther League Organization.

The Special Appropriation from the Church

The effort to endeavor to equip the Luther League of America for more effective work in its large and extensive field attracted the attention of the Committee on the Associations of Young People of the United Lutheran Church in America. Through their deepening interest in the unprecedented possibilities of our work, a special appropriation of $5,000 beginning in 1926 was granted by the United Lutheran Church at its recent Chicago Convention.

Summary

The Luther League of America, through the united cooperation and enthusiastic help of all, has solved most of its financial difficulties and has put itself into a position where it can now undertake larger and more worth-while tasks for the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

Recommendation

The Finance Committee, after having very carefully considered the "Sustaining Membership" plan, recommends that the "Sustaining Membership" plan be continued for another two years. There is so much advance work to be done. The present advance work will be cared for in part by the appropriation from the United Lutheran Church, but its greater possibilities in the Life Service and Missionary Departments have hardly begun. We must continue to advance, or we shall have to retreat from our advanced position.

In Conclusion

The Chairman wishes to thank publicly and personally the many loyal members of his Committees and the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America and the large number of "Sustaining Members" and interested Leaguers and friends who have helped in making possible the success which has come to his efforts as Treasurer of the Luther League of America.

As he lays down his office, upon the completion of the task which he set out to do, he hopes that someone will follow after him who will continue to advance the interests of the Luther League of America, and who will carry it to greater accomplishments than are at present thought possible. He does not wish re-election to this office. The large amount of time he has had to give to it during the past three years, together with his other various League activities in active organizations, has at times jeopardized his business position and has made impossible following certain social and educational pursuits to which he has wished to devote himself.

He, however, wishes continued success to the Luther League of America in its advance work.

Appreciatively yours,

C. C. Dittmer,
Treasurer, Luther League of America,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

EARL KOCHEISER
Vice-President

Report of the Missionary Secretary

The Luther League of America,
Milwaukee Convention.

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present at the Milwaukee Convention. I explained my reasons to Mr. Hodges and he has secured a substitute on the program.

As far as my time would permit, I have endeavored to prepare the material for the Missionary Topics in

the Booklet, in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the Missionary Pages in the REVIEW. I have spoken at many local, district and state conventions. I have carried on such correspondence as my pastoral duties would permit.

I sincerely hope the Luther League of America will assume a definite missionary objective at this convention and, if this is done, may I suggest that in conjunction with the incoming General Secretary and possibly with his authority, additional assistance be provided the Missionary Department to further the missionary ideals of our young people. I am ready to do anything I can to help and serve wherever the Executive Committee desires. But my own pastoral duties, especially after September first, will limit even more my activity.

Praying God's best blessings upon the Milwaukee Convention and upon the Luther League of America and with a grateful heart for the friendships and cooperation of the Executive Committee, I am,

Faithfully,
OSCAR F. BLACKWELDER,
Missionary Secretary.

MISS ROSA SOX
Vice-President

Report of the Life Service Secretary

TO THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA:

Your secretary of the Life Service Department renders a brief account of the Stewardship you entrusted to him two years ago. While the very nature of the work makes it difficult to indicate in concrete terms all that has been done or not done, he has tried to fulfill the first mark of a good steward: viz—faithfulness.

This has been a pioneer work largely. Soil had to be prepared, seed sown in the church at large, as well as in the minds of the individuals. This process has not found a field by any means free from briars and rubbish or prejudice, skepticism and indifference, resulting often in lack of cooperation.

Upon entering this work we outlined a program and course of procedure which we believed and still believe to be one which merits more serious consideration and cooperation. This program we believe to be a good one because it is at once scriptural, psychologically correct and practical. It is our judgment that it is not within the province of this report to discuss the nature of the same, this will be done in our discussion on the floor at the proper time on the program.

We have edited the Life Service page in the REVIEW, prepared several topics for publication for various departments of the League. This department in the REVIEW has tried to include both the inspirational and the practical. Plans carried out by various state, district and local leagues have been given, as well as our own conception of proper and effective presentation of the Stewardship of Life.

Two Life Service days have been set and quite well observed. The first for December 30, 1923, was given no little prominence by local leagues. The Board of Education reported most favorably concerning requests for literature. Three distinct types of services were suggested and outlined for this day. Over 6,000 Life Decision cards were mailed out from our office for this service.

The second Life Service Day was set for February 22, 1925. This was arranged as per the recommendation of the executive committee at the annual 1924 meeting. The day was consolidated with the annual day of prayer for Colleges, as formerly outlined by the Board of Education. Plans for the same appeared in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, *The Lutheran*, the various Synodical and state league papers. Secretary Bauslin gave further publicity through the literature mailed out from his office. A far larger number of Life Service cards were mailed out this year than the preceding year. Several thousand of these were signed properly and returned to our office, these are being filed and duplicates mailed to the respective boards and recruiting agencies of our church.

These two years of work in this department have proved not only to your Life Service Secretary, but to many others, including prominent leaders in our church that this particular department represents one of the most fertile and promising fields. One of the best proofs we have to offer is the fact that wherever our suggested plans were carried out, most satisfactory reports followed. Nine different states made reports of conducting Life Service conferences, Life Service classes, and Life Service days. The calls for literature were so numerous that we could not take care of the same. The Board of Education came to our rescue and mailed out literature to the names we supplied to its office.

Your secretary could not fulfill all the requests which came to him to attend conventions, conferences, etc. Thirty such addresses were given during the two years. These experiences proved to the satisfaction of your secretary that personal presentation will put this program across and make the necessity of having a full time secretary most immanent.

After two years your secretary feels more thoroughly than at any previous time that there is a very distinct and unusual field for this Department and that without any overlapping whatsoever with present recruiting agencies of our church, the coordinating of all such agencies will certainly spell greater efficiency and far greater results in the filling of the ranks in the army of reapers in the Master's fields long past ripe for the harvest.

We submit the following recommendation: that the Life Service Department be empowered to call a Life Service Institute for leaders.

C. A. PORTZ,
Life Service Secretary.

THE REV. C. A. PORTZ
Life Service Secretary

Report of Intermediate Work Committee

Your Committee on Intermediate Work would respectfully submit the following report:

Your Committee has met in regular annual sessions since the York Convention. It has submitted annually reports to the Executive Committee.

The Committee has had one change in its personnel since the York Convention. Mrs. A. W. Keller, whose services to the work were valuable, felt compelled to

resign her place on the committee. Miss Eva Peeler of Salisbury, N. C., was appointed in her place.

At the Executive Committee meeting of January, 1924, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse was asked to act temporarily as Intermediate Secretary in connection with the office of Junior Secretary. Miss Mehlhouse accepted this appointment and has rendered most acceptable and efficient service in this relation.

The Intermediate Work has been widely presented since the York Convention. The Intermediate Secretary or the Intermediate Committee Chairman as well as the General Secretary at times, have appeared before most of our State and Synodical Conventions. In every instance the presentation was received with interest and courtesy. In addition state, synodical, and district Intermediate committees have kept the work before conventions and local leagues.

In most State and Synodical Leagues the recommendation that Intermediate Committees separate from both Junior or Senior Work Committees has been followed.

One State League in with its general convention held a separate Intermediate Luther League Convention which was well received.

The National Committee each year has selected separate and special topics for the intermediate organizations. For two of the three years since the York Convention these topics were distinctively our own selection and constituted a system of our own. With the recognition of the four-fold topic principle, by the Interdenominational Young Peoples' organization, your Committee adopted in the main the Intermediate topic scheme of this organization for the current year, 1925, and will have in consideration the 1926 scheme.

Within the past year a campaign was launched to secure the registration of all Intermediate organizations in the Intermediate Department. A registration certificate has been printed and is in use. Nearly two-thirds of the existing Intermediate Leagues or organizations reported are registered.

Our Intermediate literature has grown from two pamphlets to a packet of eleven pieces. Besides the one mentioned these are "How to Organize an Intermediate League and the Intermediate Constitution," "57 Varieties of Meetings for Intermediates," "Called to His Service," "The Intermediate Pageant," "The Promotion Exercise from Intermediate to Senior League," "The Intermediate Reading Course Certificate," "The Sixteen-Point Standard" and pamphlets centering about the Merit System, namely, "The Intermediate Merit System and How to Use it," "Girls! What Is Your Hobby?" and "Homecraft for Girls."

With the printing of our Merit System in pamphlet form the Merit System has been made more readily available. With the recognition that the four-fold development of the Intermediate upon a spiritual basis is sound in principle has come a growing use of the Merit System. The pins used to indicate rank and promotion are in increasing demand. The Merit System is entering into an interesting experimental stage.

An Intermediate Reading Course regularly and annually has been supplied. Efforts have been made to increase an interest in the books of this course. Certificates are issued for completion of the course. An essay contest was launched two different periods. The first winner was Miss Emma Schneider, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Miss Eleanor Bradlee, of New York City, the second. An engraved book is awarded the winner.

Summer camps have been given some attention as far as providing devotional study material. We enter our third year in issuing our July and August Intermediate topics in booklet form at five cents a copy. Reports have come to us that the booklets serve their purpose.

A Standard of Goals or Efficiency has been adopted and is available in leaflet form.

As the work of this department is developing it is seen that the variety of Intermediate organization is so general that any congregation should be able to find some one of the many possible forms of organization to suit its need and opportunity.

Within the current year a letter was sent to every existing Senior Luther League soliciting special interest in the organization of Intermediates. While the responses have been less than hoped for, yet a small number indicated a real interest in this phase of Luther League work.

On the whole it is our opinion that a greatly increased interest has been awakened in work among the boys and girls just younger than the youth of senior age. The number of Intermediate organizations has increased more than one hundred per cent since York and that without a full-time secretary on the field. With the increasing number has gone a growing realization as to the plan of work represented by the four-fold ideal.

As far as your Committee can recall everything committed to it at York has been attempted and largely cared for. One exception there is and that is that the Intermediate Song desired and needed has not been forthcoming. We are glad to say that several songs have been submitted, and both possessed merit but final discussion has not been possible and so to date there is no official Intermediate Song.

A most vital step taken by the Executive Committee has been the decision to employ a full-time secretary for the Intermediate work. A committee is now appointed to engage a full-time secretary. Let us be in prayer that its search shall be early successful!

C. M. TEUFEL,
Chairman.

MISS MAY SCHERER
Missionary Secretary

Report of Junior Committee

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

It is with considerable difficulty that we endeavor to try to give a brief summary of some of the work of the Junior Department inasmuch as there has been so much done that is intangible and only the final reading of the records will tell what the activities have been since the present Chairman was appointed, which dates from March 24, 1924.

We believe the most important accomplishment by this Department has been the agreement made with the Women's Missionary Society and the Parish and Church School Board regarding the work among the children of the Church. Representatives from this Department met twice with the representatives of the above mentioned agencies; the first on May 7, 1924, at which time a general tentative agreement was made and a second meeting on June 20, 1924, at which time the detailed interpretation of the agreement was finally worked out. Both of these meetings were called by and in charge of the Committee on Coordination of the United Lutheran Church. At the first meeting Dr. Knubel and Dr. Scherer, as well as practically the entire committee on Coordination were in attendance with the representatives of the several agencies. At the second meeting Dr. Fry of the Committee on Coordination presided and at this meeting a report was drawn up, which report was incorporated in the report of the Committee on Coordination which in turn was included in the Executive Board's report, which report was adopted by the Chicago Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

In order that the members of the Convention may be familiar with the final report concerning this matter as adopted at the Chicago Convention of the United Lutheran Church, we give the following which is a copy of the recommendations finally agreed upon at the meeting in Philadelphia on June 20, 1924. "It is our judgment that the work of the Luther League and that of the Women's Missionary Society is of a different character in the development of their programs. *Therefore be it resolved*, That we request the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church to permit the work among the children in the United Lutheran Church to remain in status quo for the time being and a committee be appointed of equal representation from the Women's Missionary Society, the Parish and Church School Board and the Luther

League by the respective agencies to coordinate programs."

Young People.—The Young People's question having been definitely and conclusively settled when the United Lutheran Church in America made the Luther League of America its official young people's organization, the Luther League of America at the same time realizing the need of young women's missionary societies, therefore waives its right to dispute the question of the missionary training of the young women, there really existing no conflict between the young women's missionary societies and the Luther Leagues and the Women's Missionary Society waives the right that is given it by its constitution to organize Young People's Societies and in accord with the policy of coordination reports that it has changed its Young People's Department to Young Women's Department.

This paper was adopted by the conference with the following: "That we have in this paper a basis which while not satisfactory entirely, may be accepted as a basis on the lines of which the two organizations may seek to reach a complete understanding and solution of the problem of work with the children and young people."

"As a matter of interpretation the Committee agreed that by status quo the field of the Light Brigade is from birth to confirmation, that the Women's Missionary Society is at liberty to work among girls and young women of any age, and that the

MISS BRENDA MEHLHOUSE
Junior Secretary

Luther League is at liberty to continue its work through its Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments, to train its members in accordance with the constitutions of its several departments."

Following the agreement, the Chairman took a vote among the members of the Committee and Miss Mehlhouse was unanimously selected as the representative from the Junior Department to serve on the so-called Committee of Six, which Committee is to coordinate the program of the children's activities.

The Committee of Six held a meeting in Philadelphia on January 18, 1925, at which time the following resolutions were adopted after a discussion of various ways and means of cooperation. "First, that for the last six months of the year the same monthly missionary topics be used by the Light Brigade and the Junior Luther League, the same to be provided by the Women's Missionary Society.

"Second, that the editors of the two organizations be authorized to consult on the remaining Topics for 1925 and others as they deem advisable.

"Third, that the editors make a study of the Topics for the Interdenominational Young People's Commission for 1926, with a view to providing coordinated programs for that year."

The Junior Committee, as a whole, held one meeting, which meeting was held in Christ Church, York, Pa., November 7, 1924, with the Misses Laura Wade Rice and Brenda L. Mehlhouse together with Charles W. Fuhr and the Chairman; also P. Walter Banker, President, and Harry Hodges, General Secretary, in attendance. At this meeting two resignations were received and Miss Esther E. Martin, Rochester, Pa., and Sister Alma Boarts, Toledo, Ohio, were appointed as members of the Committee. The first matter of business was the resolution concerning the Committee of Six, which resolution was approved by the United Lutheran Church. This resolution was used as the basis for the future policy of the Committee, which policy has been approved by the members of the Executive Committee. The statement of policy which was finally adopted is as follows: "In view of the action of the United Lutheran Church whereby (1) all existing children's organizations remain in status quo and (2) a coordinated program of activities between existing organizations is to be planned. We announce the following policy to govern the Junior Department of the Luther League of America—

(1) That our work be promoted as outlined in the Constitution and that extension work be at once inaugurated in each of our units and

(2) That we heartily cooperate in arranging and promoting a coordinated program of activities to consist of a correlated series of Topics, Bible Reading, Reading Courses, etc., a plan of leaders' conferences, Junior rallies and other combined activities in which all agencies may cooperate and the combining of all such other activities as are possible to from a unified program for the children of the church.

The Committee also passed upon the Junior Topics for the first four months of 1925 and authorized the using of the proper material to aid in the study of the program outlined. The Junior Reading Course for 1925 was also adopted. The material for leaflets used in the Junior Topics were also approved and ordered printed.

The extension of the work among the children of the Church was also considered and the decision of the Committee was to endeavor to secure 200 registered Junior Luther Leagues during the year 1925. Quotas were set for the several States and the Junior Secretary authorized to put the plans for extension work outlined into operation.

A Junior objective for the Junior Leagues for 1925 was considered, which objectives have all been approved by the members of the Executive Committee. We would briefly call your attention to these special objectives which cover $100 to be devoted to Junior literature under the head of Education; for a missionary objective there is to be $100 raised for children's work in China; while $100 is to be secured for the aid and support of Mr. Leupoldo Caban, a Spanish student at Wagner College, which comes under the head of Life Service.

Plans were also outlined for the presentation of the work of the Junior Department in the next Convention of the Luther League of America to be held in Milwaukee in July, 1925. We believe that the foundation for considerable activity and a large increase in future work was laid during the meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee and the Junior Secretary have had several conferences and have made arrangements and worked out details for further extension of the work and the proper fulfilling of the action taken by the Committee. The first matter was the sending of letters to all of the State Presidents and State and District Junior Department Chairmen concerning the action of the United Lutheran Church, as well as outlining the program decided upon by the Committee.

Registration certificates for the Junior Luther Leagues are also provided for, the expense of these certificates having been taken care of by the Juniors of the York District.

The Junior Secretary is also endeavoring to secure monthly reports from all of the States and Districts regarding the work among the children of their several sections.

Special Junior statistical reports have also been issued so as to gather more detailed information regarding the Junior Leagues than has been available heretofore.

A special letter was sent out the first of January of this year to all State and District Junior Department Chairmen, calling attention to the plans and program that had been outlined for the year 1925.

A special survey of the State of Illinois was made by questionnaires that were sent out by Mrs. S. T.

Petersen and through which we obtained information that there is a field for future development, as a number of the Pastors of the State requested additional information regarding work among the children.

In order to keep more closely in touch with the Junior Leagues and workers, the Committee decided to issue the *Junior Outlook* once a month. This is a Bulletin edited by the Secretary of the Junior Department, mimeographed through the cooperation of the Luther League of Pennsylvania and mailed out through the courtesy of Charles W. Fuhr.

We have had correspondence with the several committees in charge of the summer schools and assemblies throughout the United Lutheran Church and endeavored to secure dates for the presentation of Junior work some time during the sessions. We will endeavor in this way to bring the workers from various sections of the Church into direct touch with the work of the Junior Department of the Luther League of America.

The Department has planned for personal field work by the Junior Secretary, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, and in her work she has visited the states of New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

We would call attention to the booklet which has been prepared by Mrs. A. F. Keller for the use of the Junior Department in providing lessons for the children up to eight years. This booklet is entitled "Programs for the Little Ones." We find quite frequently the older boys and girls will bring some of the younger children with them and as they cannot fully understand the programs provided for the older boys and girls this booklet forms a basis for a story telling period to hold the interest of the really small children. We believe this program as outlined fills a real need in the work among the boys and girls of the Junior Department.

JUNIOR HANDING $100 CHECK TO LITERATURE SECRETARY

Your Committee would recommend (1) that the work of the Department be developed through the plans that have already been outlined and would ask that we receive the continued support and cooperation of all Leaguers throughout the Church. We feel that the Senior organization is responsible for the work among the children in their own particular congregation; of course keeping in mind such a program that will make for the greatest efficiency and take into consideration the local conditions.

(2) That the boys and girls of the Junior Department can be interested in the larger work has been shown by the financial results of the definite objectives for which the sum of over $300 has been contributed. We would therefore recommend that the Junior Department be authorized to continue this line of work, selecting such objectives as may be approved by the Executive Committee and that all contributions be received at the Headquarters office the same as before.

In closing this report we wish to thank the various officers, members of committees and workers of the Luther League in promoting the program as outlined by our Department. We appreciate the services and work of Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, the Junior Secretary. We again ask for the continued support of local organizations as well as young people of the Church at large in the development of our program among the children of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
M. HALLER FREY,
Chairman, Junior Committee.

Intermediate and Junior Secretary's Report

Milwaukee, July 6, 1925.

TO THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA,
IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

DEAR LEAGUERS:

Reports are at the most rather dull and uninteresting and in tabulating the work of the Intermediate and Junior Departments we feel that mere statistics and figures are totally inadequate to express the efforts expended and the results accomplished.

The figures and data which tell of the work indicate but feebly the amount of time and service on the part of each local leader, and the influence which has been exerted on the lives of the boys and girls in our churches. The far-reaching effects of the training given in our Intermediate and Junior Departments, through our Topics and Reading Courses, our plans for activity and the preparation for leadership there given, will be found only in the future history of the Luther League of America, and the sum total of all the achievements and accomplishments will be written only in the great Book of Life on the last Day.

Your speaker was appointed at the York Convention to serve as Junior Chairman. In January, 1924, she was elected Intermediate and Junior Secretary, and this report will therefore cover the work, as she has served in these capacities.

(1) INTERMEDIATES

Noting with alarm the appalling and increasing number of boys and girls who drop out of all church activities each year during the post-confirmation period, and realizing the vital need of preparing a program big enough to hold these twelve to sixteen year old Leaguers in the Church, the attention of the League during the biennium has been focused on the Intermediate Department, with a resultant growth and development of this phase of the work. We have been "building bridges," endeavoring to span the gap which existed between the Junior and Senior Leagues.

The following facts show our growth:

1. At the York Convention we reported 46 Intermediate Leagues. Today we have 90, 58 of them registered, with a membership of 1,419.

2. Our Intermediate Program has been perfected during the biennium. This program—the only one offered by the Church for the 'teen-age—is a four-fold one, physical, social, educational, devotional.

It is a program of *devotion*. The *Intermediate Topics* for discussion at the weekly devotional meetings are of a high standard, after which the several denominational young people's societies are modeling theirs.

It is a program of *study*. The *Intermediate Reading Course*, consisting of six carefully selected books, to be circulated among the Intermediates, gives the boy and girl interesting studies in missions, Church history, stewardship, the Bible, and Church Heroes.

It is a program of *work*. The *Intermediate Merit System*, one of our attainments during the biennium, is a plan of credits or recognitions for work done in the League, and the passing of the boy and girl from one Rank to another on the attaining of said credits. The work required is all "Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church."

3. Our literature has grown from one pamphlet to a packet of eleven pieces, including Constitution, How to Organize, The Merit System, Promotion Service into the Senior League, and a number of Miscellaneous leaflets. Pins to use with the Merit System to be awarded in each of the five Ranks and Certificates of Registration, Promotion and recognition for completion of the Reading Course, are also available. We direct your attention to this literature.

4. Intermediate Conventions are a new development in the work. At the Pennsylvania State Convention last year, one whole afternoon was given over to the

First Intermediate Convention of the State. The Brooklyn and Long Island District League held a most successful Intermediate Rally, and the York District is planning for the same.

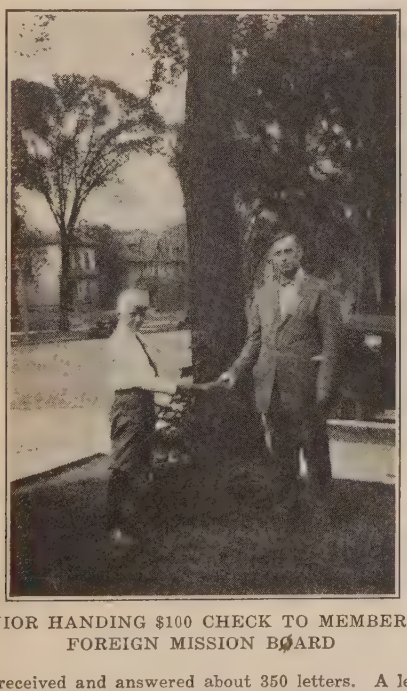
5. Intermediate Reading Course Contests have been inaugurated, and a book awarded to the Intermediate sending in the best essay prepared after reading one of the books of the Course. Both this year and last the award has gone to a New cork Intermediate.

6. The work of the Summer Camps has been carefully noted, and our Intermediate Topics have been printed in special Summer Camp Pamphlets for use in such camps.

Pennsylvania has been a pioneer in this work, now having 30 Intermediate groups, and is making special progress in the use of the Merit System.

New York has also done outstanding work. Here a 16-Point Program for Intermediates has been adopted, including Daily Bible Reading, Church Attendance, use of the Merit System, Reading Course, and personal work. It is being successfully put across. At their last convention a banner was awarded to the League gaining the largest number of points during the year, and two Intermediate Leagues tied, with twelve and a half points each.

The speaker has been in consultation with the Intermediate chairmen in the various units, has sent out approximately 150 packets of literature to inquirers,



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has received and answered about 350 letters. A letter was sent to each local League President concerning the work, and to the 500 questionnaires included we received replies to the number of—25. A similar experience in the Junior Department makes us digress long enough to ask that our Leaguers be more awake to the opportunity to answer letters. The Secretary presented the work at one summer school, two extension trips through Ohio and Wisconsin, at six State, eight District, and about two dozen local meetings.

Much of the development of the Department is due to the work of the Intermediate Chairman, the Rev. C. M. Teufel. He has laid the foundations of the work, developed the Merit System and formulated other plans, and sown the seed for a larger reaping. He will augment this report.

One of the greatest opportunities in our League work lies right here with these boys and girls of the 'teen age. There is a wide open door for development. With an Intermediate Secretary giving his whole time to the work one of the greatest forces in our church can be put to work. We urge for the consideration of every delegate here the plans which we have just outlined for use in your own local church.

Juniors

Over the Junior Department in the Luther League Review each month you will find this motto: "Take care of the Juniors and the Senior League will take care of itself." This is just as true today as when first spoken thirty years ago by the first Junior Chairman, the Rev. E. C. Haupt, D.D.

The work with the children up to twelve years is of the most vital importance. Without laying foundations we cannot build the bridges of which we have spoken. Nor can we have the superstructure of strong, flourishing Senior Leagues. We must begin with the child. This is the work of the Junior Luther League. Nowhere else is he trained in Luther League ideals, for League leadership, for League work.

In the time allotted for this report, we can only give the outline of what has been accomplished. Hence the following in tabloid form:

Statistics

Junior Leagues reported at the York Convention	148,	4,673 members
Today	202,	6,700 members
14 District and State Chairmen at York Convention		
Today	35	
Registration Certificates issued to	153	Junior Leagues

Statistical blanks sent to all Junior Leagues on January 1 of this year—

94 returned, showing
76 Junior Leagues meet weekly.
12 meet every two weeks.
2 monthly.
72 use the Junior Topics in the Review.
62 use the Junior Program Packet.
28 are using the Junior Reading Course.
10 gave the Junior Pageant—"Even These Little Ones."
30 attended Junior rallies.
21 had Junior Mission Study Classes.
46 held Parents' Meetings.
31 held joint meetings with the Seniors or Intermediates.
57 had picnics.
$1,646.25 was contributed in *cash* to local church work and
$1,229.63 for benevolence, making a total of $2,875.88.

Literature

A Junior News Sheet—*The Junior Outlook*—has been issued each month during 1925. (This is cared for by the York District executives, doing the multigraphing, the Pennsylvania League paving the paper bill, and the Juniors of Grace, N. S. Pittsburgh, caring for the mailing of the same. That you may take home with you the statistics of the work accomplished by the Juniors the current issue of this paper will be distributed at the close of this report.)

A Program Packet to supplement the Topics in the Review has been issued each six months. (This has been made possible by a Fund created by the Pittsburgh District.)

A conservative estimate of the aggregate value of these gifts from the hundred Leagues reporting would reach considerably over the $7,000 mark.

That boys and girls—Juniors—have accomplished such a record of work speaks well for their training and bodes well for the future of our League and the Church.

The Junior Secretary has received and written about 3,000 letters, presented the work at 10 state, 20 district, and 50 local meetings, sent a monthly letter to the state chairmen, took two trips for extension work in Ohio and Wisconsin, and sent letters to the President of each local League where there was no Junior League. At present there are on file about 50 prospects for organized Leagues in the Fall.

This has been our work.

This report will be augmented by the Junior Chairman who will present the work as developed in the Junior Committee, and will also doubtless report on the matter of the Coordination and Correlation of the work.

In closing, for the loyal support and cooperation on the part of the local superintendents and for the work of the district and state Junior chairmen, the Junior Secretary wishes to express her heartiest appreciation and thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse.

The president appointed the following committees:

Auditing—F. C. Leupold, Delma Elson, Marion V. Hirzel.

Credential Committee—Irene Schaeffer, W. C. Satre, Elsa Becker, Ernest French, Victoria Westersund, W. Ruff, Adelaide Wade, Harold Peterson, Eva Peeler, George Krebs, Marjorie Hagemeyer, Ruth Day, Georgia Peterson, Selma Trede, Nannie Wingard, Catherine Cox, Victora Johanson.

Reports and Resolutions Committee—Charles W. Fuhr, Chairman; Rev. J. S. Albert, Miss Beulah Lyerly, William William, Rev. C. H. Bartsch, Miss Vivian Cronk, William Elliott, Rev. H. Shimer, Mrs. D. C. Fritts.

Nominating Committee — William H. Menges, Chairman; Alma Bauck, William C. Salzman, Alberta Herman, Alfred Gorsky, Helen Fink, R. K. Lampe, Barbara Wiegand, H. W. Fischer, Ruth Davis, Rev. D. C. Fritts, Ruth Johnson, F. E. Reissig, Ruth Simon C. K. Wise, Caroline Brietzke, Karl Kinard, Olga Linsenmeyer.

The Rev. C. A. Portz offered an amendment to the constitution, Article 8, Section 5, which had been signed by fifteen members, as provided by the constitution, and which was read at this time.

JUNIOR HANDING $100 CHECK TO MEMBER OF WEST INDIES MISSION BOARD

"All members of the Leagues affiliated with the Luther League of America shall be eligible to election to office with the understanding that if any nominee is absent from the convention his or her nomination must be approved by the nominating and executive committees before an election is possible."

This business session was closed with prayer and the benediction by Dr. Bieber.

SECOND SESSION

The Service was used at this session, devotions in charge of the convention chaplain.

The Rev. Dr. W. W. Kennerly welcomed the convention, to which the president responded.

The keynote address was delivered by the Rev. Andreas Bard, D. D., on the convention theme, "Christ First," Col. 1:18.

It is hard to record on paper or to state in mere words how forcibly some of our speakers brought their messages to us, but we shall record a portion of each talk, and ask our readers to carefully study them so they may gather therefrom some of the finer thoughts that will help them in their League work, as well as their daily tasks.

Dr. Bard said: "Nineteen centuries ago in far off Palestine there stood a humble Nazarene surrounded by a dozen ignorant, untrained fishermen and he made this startling, amazing statement: 'Go ye into all the world and teach the Gospel to all nations.'

"My friends, if you and I had been present at that time, I am sure of one thing—you would have said the man who makes a statement so absurd, expecting twelve ignorant men to start from obscure Palestine and bring the story of His life unto the ends of the world, that man surely is an idiot or a lunatic. I am glad that I live in this year 1925, when a gathering of this kind proves to the world that this startling prophecy made 1900 years ago was not an illusion, but a divine prophecy fulfilled before our eyes, and every infidel and atheist must stop and pause and wonder who that man was who could fortell the course of human destiny 1900 years ago."

Dr. Bard then spoke about the real meaning of the word "brotherhood," that it was not merely a word. He continued:

"We have many words, wonderful words, 'fraternity,' 'equality,' 'liberty,' 'love'—beautiful words, but where re the men and women who will translate these words into reality? The whole world is waiting for that. We have always been brothers. Never mistake that fact, the human race has always been linked together in a great brotherhood. We have not recognized the fact it is true.

"When one nation wins in a war is that a victory? No! Because it's a brotherhood war, a fight between men who were created equally as the children of God. You could not have luxury and plenty in the parlor and suffering and disease in the basement. The disease in the basement would crawl into the parlor.

"Sometimes I wonder if we do not get tired of the word 'brotherhood'—but I know I am talking to young people who have sense enough to know that 'brotherhood' is a word with a thought back of it, and so you say 'Christ First.'

"There are three things that Christ has given to the world for the establishment of that great ideal of brotherhood. The first thing is this: God is our Father. We shall never fully understand the deep significance of that thought. A noted Rabbi in Chicago tells the story of how he taught a little boy to say the Lord's Prayer. He said 'Our Father,' but the little boy kept saying 'Your Father,' but finally the Rabbi convinced him that it was 'Our Father' and the little boy in wonderment said, 'Well, then, you must be my brother!' Has it ever dawned on you that every human being is your brother?

"This is a day of confusion. President Harding the last time he spoke at Denver

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said this, 'If we could have the brotherhood taught by Christ, we will have a restored world.' I am glad he brought in those three words, 'taught by Christ,' for we would then indeed have a restored world. Do you know, even while I am standing in this building the very civilization of the white man is hanging in the balances? Already the great so-called Christian nations of Europe are divided by a hatred that seems to separate them like a dark abyss. No hatred greater than that is in the Christian world today.

There is another thing beautifully inspiring in the teaching of Jesus Christ, and that is the wonderful goal. I would hate to live without a great goal, without a great purpose. You remember when Christopher Columbus crossed the ocean he was the only one that believed he was approaching the western continent. His fellow sailors were discouraged. They had no faith, but he could see it—the land of the future, and because he could see the land of the future he stood unfalteringly in the prow of the Santa Maria and stayed there.

"The second thing that Christ gave us is 'Thy Kingdom Come.' It is always darkest before dawn, yet I do not believe the world is going to the devil. I believe there is a hunger for spiritual food. Many people think it is enough to pray and then may God mend it all! But God needs men to help him. . . . I care not what men say about evolution. I care not how deeply they dive into the jungle and talk about toads, jellyfish, etc. The fact is, we are here. You can argue in Dayton, Tenn., whether a man came from a monkey or not, but you cannot argue the fact that man is here, equipped with a brain, with a great hunger after God. This is a fact, and on this I stand.

"Finally, Christ has given us the foundation which is the Fatherhood of God. Christ has given us the great goal which is the manifestation of the Son of God and the coming of His Kingdom. So Christ has furnished to the world the unanswerable argument—a stainless life. Christ is more than Christianity. He is the great foundation that cannot be shaken by all the atheists and agnostics of the ages. I heard someone say that it was not so hard for a man to die for a great cause, but it was very difficult for a man to live for a great cause—a life consistent with his teachings. Jesus Christ did both."

Dr. Bard then pointed out that Christ proclaimed His brotherhood with the woman of the street whom the law decreed should be stoned, with the widow who gave her mite, and with the thief on the cross. He also referred to Eva Booth and David Livingston, who brought the light to those in darkness. He continued:

"I say to you that the Statue of Liberty in the harbor of New York should not be the statue of a pagan Goddess. It should be the statue of Jesus Christ, for He holds the torch that lightens the world."

May the writer of this report digress long enough to say that the above statement received much comment in the secular press. The greatest editorial writer of the day, in the opinion of many, Mr. Arthur Brisbane, in his "Today" column, which is syndicated from coast to coast, gave us a paragraph in regard to this matter, referring to it in more or less of a sarcastic manner and concluding with, "Why not tear down all the statues of George Washington?" At any rate we were advertised throughout the country, and it *is* something to get into the "Today" column!

Dr. Bard concluded by saying: "Let us remember Christ First—a mighty foundation, a lofty goal, an endless inspiration!"

After the closing announcements and the benediction a social hour was enjoyed in the church parlors.

The Educational Department

The third session was divided into two sections, the educational and the missionary departments receiving attention.

The chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Traver, of course opened each session with devotions, and a short talk on some phase of our theme, "Christ First."

The amendment to the constitution read at the previous day's business session was adopted at this time.

Dr. Bieber was the first speaker. His address, "Christ First in Education," follows:

"There are three fundamental institutions of society—the home, the church, the state. Of these, the home is the oldest and it is *fundamental.* Without it there would be no church and no state. The home began in Eden, and it was an Eden. God was

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there, and God was worshipped, and therefore the church was there.

"Education, the training of the child, is the function of these three institutions, but primarily of the home and of the church. Christ's burning valedictory to his church was, and for 1900 years has been and is today, 'Teach all nations; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.'

"The greatest function of the church, therefore, is to teach (and of course that includes preaching), and to teach all the nations. Only the church can do that. It alone is universal! Therefore, the greatest practical issue before the church always has been and always will be, the Christian education of its youth, so that the nations of the earth tomorrow may not be pagan but Christian. Education without religion is destructive both to church and state.

"We need Christian statesmen, but we need still more a consecrated church membership to solve this most important of all problems. The state cannot solve it. The church must do it. The education in our public schools today is purely secular. It is well nigh pagan. Many, by no means all, but many of our public school teachers and educators in our higher institutions of learning are not simply religiously neutral or passive. Many are anti-Christian. They ridicule the Bible, the Bible teachings concerning the origin of the universe and of man. They make light of the church and of Christianity and they subvert the faith of our future home builders, citizens, educators, and leaders.

"Many a promising boy for the ministry and girl for the Diaconate or the home or foreign field have been diverted from their course through this gross, crass defect in our system of education. The church can accomplish anything she wants to accomplish. 'Like a mighty army moves the church of God,' for she has the promise of her Lord that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.

"When the church or her individual members in large numbers became interested slavery died, the drink evil received its death warrant and all through the centuries reforms were effected. Thus also must and can the church solve the problem of education. But she must begin at the foundation, and the foundation is the home.

"A nation cannot rise higher in Godliness than its homes. Nominally we are a Christian nation, numbering 110,000,000 people, but 55,000,00 are not identified with any church. They care not, pray not, worship not. They ignore Jesus Christ. It is true there are 47,000,000 Christians in our beloved country, but Christ is not first in every home. In many of the homes prayer has become a lost art. The children have not all heard the father pray, some not even the mother. In some homes there is no grace at the table. The Bible does not have the most prominent place. The papers, magazines and books are uppermost and foremost. The Bible can sometimes not even be found when it is wanted.

"Our homes are beautifully furnished, but the chief article of furniture, the family altar, is missing. There is no reading of the Word, therefore there is no Christian education in the home. Christ is not first there.

"In response to a questionnaire in our Synod in regard to family worship among 35,000 Christian souls, it was learned there were very, very few who held family worship. God grant that every home represented at this convention has Christ the head of the house, the unseen guest at every

meal, the silent listener to every conversation. If such is not the case, will we not here and now resolve that from henceforth the Bible shall be an open book at our hearth, prayer a daily joy? One of the fifteen points of excellency of the L. L. of A. is the daily reading of the Bible! May we all qualify 100 per cent in that. It is the first in importance. It belongs at the head. The youth who does not know the Bible is not educated though he has a university degree. He may take oratorical honors, but if he cannot pray he is lacking as a speaker.

"In how many of our Sunday Schools is the complete Bible the text book—one for every pupil, used and handled? I believe we are gaining in this respect, but we are still far from ideal. Christ himself is the Word. If we neglect the Word we neglect Christ. 'If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.'

"Christ wants to be first in the Luther League. In our wonderful emblem the cross is in the center, in the heart, and

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therefore Christ is first. But unless there are regular devotional meetings entered into by all the Leaguers, the reading of the word, prayer, and a discussion of the topic not by the pastor, not by one or two of the members, but *all* in turn, Christ is not first. The social meeting is necessary, but the social meeting must be secondary. The devotional meeting must predominate. Unless it does the League will soon sicken and it will die. That is the reason why some Leagues have died. The emphasis has been misplaced. Christ has been ignored, and the branch that is not in Him, the fruit withers and is cast off.

"Should the Bible be read in the public schools? I know there is a wide difference of opinion upon this point, but all agree that the rising generation should by all means know the Bible. Twenty-five million children in our nation attend no Sunday School. Many do not know that there is such a book as the Bible. How shall they be taught? They all attend the public schools. They are required to attend. They are our future citizens. They will some day vote. Some will become leaders. How will they lead? I tremble when I think of it. Communistic organizations have Sunday Schools where they discount the Bible and Christians. Sunday Schools reach only a fraction of the children. Public schools reach all. Let certain portions of the Bible be read daily without comment. It will do its work. Like the ray of sunlight it will produce some form of spiritual life.

"According to Bulletin No. 15 of the Bureau of Education, ten states prohibit the reading of the Bible in the public schools, nine require the Bible to be read at stated times. The others seem to be silent on the subject. But why should the small minority, the Jew, the infidel, and the Roman Catholic (when he sends his children) in a Christian nation like ours be allowed to keep the public schools, the bulwark of the nation, pagan? But with the *Lutheran Companion* I predict that before many years there will be a requirement in the United States that the Bible be read at stated times in our public schools.

"In the meantime, and at all times, we as individual Christians and as Lutherans should place on school boards Christian members and insist that only Christian teachers are employed. We must insist as Christian citizens that if no positive Christianity can be taught in our schools, on the other hand no antagonism to the Bible, to the church, to our Christ be taught.

"The Lutheran church was the first to advocate the dismissing of the pupils in our public schools for an hour or more during the week that they might receive religious instruction in our churches. Most of the denominations have taken up this idea, and as a result of such agitation many states have passed laws dismissing the pupils for religious instruction, if requested by the parents. And yet in some places the Lutherans are the last to avail themselves of this opportunity. Luther Leaguers here is our opportunity and our responsibility.

"Our Lutheran young people of both sexes are attending our state universities and other higher institutions of learning in rapidly increasing numbers. Some years ago the church paid very little attention to them. Today the local churches, and our Lutheran Boards of Education, are alive to the situation.

"We are also as a church increasingly endowing our colleges, junior colleges and academies, raising their standards and thus keeping our boys and girls in larger numbers in our own institutions.

"Our church is also here and there organizing Bible Schools and Institutes with consecrated men at the head like Dean Ingvolstad in Chicago, Dr. Muller in Minneapolis and others. Through these schools our young people are prepared through prayer and Bible study to become better citizens, better parents, to become parish workers, missionaries, and ministers. Thank God for these Bible schools. They place Christ first! We need more of them and they are coming.

"The Lutheran Student Association of America is another inspiring movement in the right direction. Through them regional, sectional and international conventions are held at stated times for inspiration, consecration and decision to a noble life service. They place Christ first.

"In the young people lies the hope for better things. The best is not past. Today is better than yesterday, and tomorrow will be better than today. 'Our God is marching on.' Here in the Luther League is our hope. Here are our coming Godly parents. Here are our Sunday School and public school teachers and superintendents and directors. Here are our business men, our trained artisans, our judges, governors, and some day there will be a Lutheran President of the United States—and he will come from the great Northwest! Here are our coming ministers, deaconesses, home and foreign missionaries, our contented, consecrated leaders in church and state! Christ wants to be first in our hearts and our lives! Oh! what a wonderful day is before us. What possibilities and responsibilities! The Christ is back of the young peoples. The Christ depends upon us—to raise the banner of Jesus Christ and set it up everywhere, in the home, in the school, the forum, the workshop, the highway, among Jews and Gentiles, among Greeks and Romans, among Americans and immigrants, among colored and Orientals, among indifferent and antagonistic, and teach them that outside of Christ nothing is worth while.

"To serve the present age—my calling to fulfill,
Oh may it all my powers engage—to do my Master's will!
"And to place Him first!"

Bible study methods were introduced by the Rev. Orlando Ingvolstad, D. D., dean of the Chicago Lutheran Bible School.

Dean Ingvolstad first told briefly how Bible study methods were divided at the Bible School, and then continued:

"I believe that the best method today for Luther League Bible study would be the book study and the use of the chapter summary method, taking a chapter at a time. In the smaller books you might take a whole book for an evening—in other words it would be a reading course plus, and I would outline that under three thoughts:

"First—As it deals with persons.

"Second—As it deals with the visible facts.

"Third—Its practical application.

"The Bible study in the Luther League as it deals with persons—there are two that are vitally interested; one is the leader and the other is the listener.

"As it deals with the leader, it isn't a mere expression from out of a scholastic bit of research or a short time of study, but a part and parcel of the leader, from out of the special refinery of the leader, given out to the Luther League. The leader must know the historical setting, the relation to the context, the key verse or verses which centralize the thought of the lesson presented, and what I call the meat content that has in it the essence of the subject, this practically stated, understandingly stated and unmistakably stated so that no one is left in the least shadow as to what the writer of that particular Bible passage has tried to tell. That means preparation!

"Practical presentation is the interesting part of Bible presentation to young people. Young people do not go to Luther League to listen to a dry, educational lecture; young people do not go to Luther League to hear long words. Young people want to know not alone what is in the text of the paper that is being presented, but they want to know how it applies to Christian life, and that means illustrative matter from out of the current day's program of the world, the United States, the state in which they live, the church body to which they belong, and the local activities of the local group. So this is an interesting portion, the rest is all background, the rest is all basic.

"The presentation can be made under four points:

"1. Educational to the world. If there is any educational application to the text the young people are interested in it.

"2. Religiously to the church, and to the church at large. Young people like things that pertain to the *big* things—they like to expand.

"3. Spiritually to the local League. The young people are at Luther League because they believe the Luther League has something to contribute to their lives, and so the leader should not in his presentation lose sight of the fact that the Leaguer is wanting to know what has that presentation to do with our Luther League.

"4. Beneficially to the leader. A Luther Leaguer told me since coming to Milwaukee that some Luther Leaguers are great at

telling the other Luther Leaguers what to do! Don't lose sight of getting this last point in the presentation of Bible study. The practical application in the fourth place is that which is beneficial to the leader, and that means humility of presentation all the way through, because we know that eventually we will have to apply all that we have said to ourselves."

At this point the Dean warned against fear overtaking leaders and preventing them from reading their papers or making their presentations.

"Fear overtakes our Luther Leaguers on the matter of Bible presentation. It isn't because they are not Christians, but it may be because of a fear that their presentation may not be right, but if the last point is never lost sight of in the whole preparation—the benefits that will accrue to him as a leader—there will be a humility that rests over the whole presentation.

"Study the Bible chapter by chapter. One chapter at a meeting is enough. Then the leader summing it up and saying, 'These are the benefits I have derived from the study, what have you derived?' 'These are the applications I can make to my life, what can you make to your life?' There is no question in my mind, if this is done, but what that leader will have made a presentation that wlil have stimulated thought, not only stimulated thought, but stimulated a further Bible research, further Christian activity. Of course I know we have our Luther League manuals; I know we have Bible subjects given along certain lines, but I am referring to something that may enliven interest. I would suggest taking the Gospel of Mark, following it with other Gospels, then with the Epistles, etc.

"And so I say again, in your Luther Leagues present the Bible as best you can, chapter by chapter, and see what will accrue spiritually to the leader and to the listener."

Topic Study Methods were set forth by the Rev. H. C. Roehner, D. D., who said:

"To live straight you must think straight. Right thinking always must precede right living. Right relationships to God and right relationships to man follow the right kind of thinking in our minds and in our hearts. This morning I want to speak in particular about definite, concrete methods, in the first place, or rather to endeavor to impress upon your minds the vital importance of the Topics themselves.

"There is much crooked living in the world today, and that crooked living that is in the world today is due primarily to the crooked thinking. The world is upside down. It makes no difference where you may glance, there is no spot on the face of the earth that you do not find unrest and turmoil, at the present time. The cause is in the kind of thinking in the world today.

"It is not a matter of indifference or little importance what people think. Every now and then you will hear some individual say, 'I don't care what you think, just so you live right.' He might as well say, 'It doesn't make any difference whether there are any apples on the tree, just go and get apples out of the air.'

"The philosophy of life does determine the plan of life. It is vitally important that we think right."

Dr. Roehner told of one time in Baltimore, when he had gone to a park where there were different kinds of "trick" mirrors, that made one appear in many shapes and forms. He continued:

"I was about everything but what I was. Well, I got to thinking about that, and it seemed to me that that was a visualization of the condition of life today. People today are not seeing straight. Their vision has become distorted and twisted. They see things not in their right proportions. It is absolutely necessary that in all walks of life, and in our own life especially, as young people, our eyes shall see straight.

"We are told that in our inner ear there is a liquid—a sort of balancer, and it is this that causes sea-sickness when it is unbalanced. And so there are things in our life that unbalance us. In modern vessels they are introducing the gyroscope, so it is essential that we also shall balance ourselves.

"We find also for example that down in South America we are told about cut-vines. These vines grow up the trees and attach themselves to the branches and the tendrils of the tree, and they begin to suck and draw out the vitality, and I am told you can see scores and hundreds of dead trees because their vitality has been sucked out of them. That is true of our young folks today. There are things that attach themselves to the young lives and are drawing out the real vitality and the strength.

"Now a few words in reference to methods. It seems to me that it is important and exceedingly helpful that your devotional committee shall call together the leaders for at least a month in advance. These leaders who are to have charge of the meetings in the month following shall work out a unified program, and arrange the meetings. It seems to me that your devotional committee should have an adequate supply of literature. It is necessary for every Luther League to have every bit of literature that is issued by our organization. It is also essential that the chairman of the devotional committee shall see that the leader has all this literature. In-

stead of having only one copy of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, have two. Have two copies of other literature as well. You might also be able to get material from other sources on certain topics.

"In our own organization we find it helpful before the evening meeting, which is held on the Lord's Day night, that the devotional committee gather the officers and leaders together for a season of prayer before the meeting. I think that is not only helpful but necessary for real good treatment of the Topic.

"It seems to me that in the treatment of topics and the handling of our meetings there should be a variation of our program. Many times it is helpful to use the blackboard. We have used the method of starting the trunk of a tree and building up a tree, etc.

"In the method of presenting the Topic, it is essential that there shall be as many talks as possible. One of the duties of the leader is not to see how much time he or she may take, but to see how little he or she may have to do. The sign of a good leader is to see how many others he or she can get to do something.

"It is also essential that you have somebody at the door just before meeting time. . . . The devotional committee should plan ahead of time, and see that everybody who has a part in the presentation shall know it, and have time to make preparation. To get up on the spur of the moment and give something worth while is difficult. Let's remember this, that one of our chief purposes is not only the presentation of the topic, but the opportunity offered to as many as possible to express their views.

"There comes a time in young people's lives when they like to get up and give something to somebody. When the young people come to that time of life they should have the opportunity of expressing themselves, and it is by expressing themselves that they gain their own conviction, and instead of only repeating and giving that which somebody has told, those thoughts enter into their personality and become part of them. It is by getting up on your feet and giving discussion that you learn things.

"Then in the application, let's remember this—that a presentation of a topic does not stop with simply speaking on the topic. There should be action. Let's remember that you haven't finished a topic until you have found a way to express it, and put it into action.

"In closing let's not forget this, that we have to emphasize the spiritual. We are not getting together from week to week just to spend an hour together. Let's not fool ourselves by thinking that by getting together we are accomplishing what we set out to accomplish. The real objective is a higher consecration. After all we must put in the minds and hearts of our young people the underlying purpose to do those things that are pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God."

The Rev. C. P. Jensen's duty was to introduce to us reading course methods, and we set forth the high lights of his interesting talk:

"It is my privilege to present to you the reading course. There are many books, yes, there are many kinds of books. Some of our great leaders are trying to get people to spend 15 minutes a day that they might read some useful, educational story. I would like to relate a story that is familiar to you from your childhood, that of Alice in Wonderland, about that creature going around with hands and feet searching here and there and everywhere to find something—that something was a key that it might unlock itself. I refer you to that key—that key to find yourself. First of all in THE Book, and then in Christian books—books that lead you out in the light that in all things He might have pre-eminence.

"In our educational department we strive to place before you books that build Christian character, and are used in Christian education. Even as education prepares for life, Christian education equips you in the battle of life in the world of sin and vice.

"The purpose of our reading course is to make our relation with Christ in the world closer, that we might see Christ in all things —that He might have the pre-eminence.

"So that we might get people to read the right books, we have our reading course, and we must read to taste of the good things that are there. But yesterday the American Society of Librarians met in Seattle. In a great address they impressed the fact that we must bring to the attention of the men and women the need of right reading, of placing the proper books in the hands of men and women, and so we must try to get our young people of our Luther Leagues to read our books.

"We have been asked to present methods.

"First is that of the reading circles. The average Luther League is composed of 30 members. I suggest that there be at least two circles in that league, with two competitive librarians as leaders. Two sets of books, and a definite time or period of reading each book. Perhaps you might make a list of the members in rotation, when they are to get the book, and what book they are to read. In these circles there must be an incentive, and I have found that

it is most helpful to have a quiz of some kind and the most effective way of getting people to read. Have a quiz or a query that they may follow. I refer you to Woman's Work. This query might be in the REVIEW or it might be gotten out by individual leagues.

"Second—study groups. This would be like our mission study classes. I suggest that you use a devotional meeting once in a while and discuss your books. This can be developed in various ways.

"Third—get two or three leaders who will take the books, and discuss them.

"Fourth—make posters advertising your reading courses. An exhibit at a state convention in Buffalo had a great effect upon many. I heard people say, 'You had that demonstration in Buffalo,' and so describe it. You can follow the method of book sellers, who are doing full page advertising.

"Fifth—Pastors preach books. Sometimes you wonder what you are going to preach on Sunday night. Take some of these books and preach on them, 'Adventures in Brotherhood,' 'China's Real Revolution,' etc., etc. I want to say in a personal way that two weeks ago I preached about roses, and more people went into our rose garden in Syracuse the following week than they had done in the whole year before. They now knew it was there. Preach on books!

"Sixth—Give books. Give leaguers books as gifts—give friends good books on various occasions. Or you might get leaguers or certain individuals to say, 'I will buy that book for the league!'

"Seventh—Reading course diplomas. The Junior and Intermediate departments have diplomas, but the Seniors have not yet.

"Last—Dramatization. This is perhaps difficult, but some of our books have been worked out that way, and it would be a wonderful thing for some of our young people, especially those in the high schools, to work out books into pageants or dramas.

"I hope that you might read these books that He might have the pre-eminence in our reading and studying."

A motion was made and carried out that we extend the time of the meeting to take care of the matters on hand.

THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The Missionary department was introduced by the Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., in a talk, "Christ First in Missions."

"Christ First in Missions"

The *Purpose* and *Aim* of Missions is, To make disciples of Christ, and to Gather them into Christian Churches which shall become self-supporting and self-extending.

The *Ground*, or *Basis* of missions is the Grace of God, through Christ, as revealed in the Scriptures and manifested in the redemption of mankind.

The *Means* and *Methods* employed in Missions are the means of Grace—the Word and the Sacraments administered by the Church.

The impelling motive, the impulse is, "The Love of Christ." "We Love Him, because He first loved us," God sent Christ His only Son into the World to die for our Sins, and to impart unto us Life through His Resurrection, and we are to so Love Him and to so Labor for Him, that the end of all shall be, "Christ All in All." That we may say "Of Him, and Through Him, and Unto Him, Are all Things."

In the Old Testament, Teaching Christ is All in All, "Christ is First." The *World* as created by God in Gen. 1:1, was to be a place of His Divine Glory. The *"Brotherhood of Man"* revealed in Gen. 1:26, was to be *"One Blood."* The first Evangel Message to a dying world, Gen. 3:15 was the Universality of Sin and the Universality of Salvation. *Moses* in Gen. 10 Chapter in its list of nations preserves the Consciousness of the blood relationship of all nations, which are again to be united by the blessings of God in Christ.

The *Call* of Abraham and the Promise given to Him "In thy Seed" shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed, is the first real missionary Idea pointing definitely to Christ.

All through the period of *Prophecy* and *Promise* we see the missionary Enterprise gathering about these words, Reform, Regeneration, the heathen coming and the Jewish Nation telling them of the Coming one. Isaiah 40:60 Chapter is the Golden Hope of that far away age.

The Dispersion of the Jewish Nation was to the intent to make the Promise Known.

The Translation of the Bible into the Septuagent was to make the Promise known to all of God's People.

The Synagogues as they were Scattered among the nations were to be places where the Scriptures were to be read and Prayer offered. In all of the Old Testament movements, Christ, was the Center of the Father's Love.

Let us now turn to the New Testament, the foundation is laid for World-Wide Missions. In the New Testament the structure is reared and the work of Grace begun in the fullness. In the fullenss of time Christ appears.

I—*What did Christ Say*—

A—"The Kingdom of Heaven" was the subject, "The Righteousness in Him" the Theme. The Kingdom *Present* and *future*. The Kingdom—*Spiritual* and *Eternal*, "Within You."

B—"The Kingdom of Heaven"—"All Mankind, the Jew first, then Gentile, "Peace on Earth, Good will to men." He said: "I am the Light of the World." "The *Field* is the World."

C—The *Service* in the Kingdom was to be Spiritual: "God is a Spirit, and they that Worship must worship in Spirit and in Truth."

D—The Admission into the Kingdom was to be: "By Repentance and Faith in Him."

"B" *When He Speaks of the Son of Man*—

A—The Son of Man hath Power to forgive Sins.

B—He that Soweth the *Good Seed* is the Son of Man.

C—When He chose his *"Apostles"* He sent them as Ambassadors of Himself, and they were to be heralds to all People.

"C" *In His Third Year we get* the Missionary idea and Christ, first: "My house shall be a house of Prayer for all People," "The fields are White unto the harvest." "Many shall come from the East and the West, etc."

B—*Parables reflecting Him*—

"The Great Supper."
"The Marriage of the King's Son."
"The Talent," "Occupy till *I Come*."
"Other Sheep I have which are not of this fold."

II—*His Great Commission*—

Uttered at five different times:

1. Math. 28:18-20,—Mt. of Gal. 11 disciples and 500 present. "All Authority is Given *Unto Me*, in Heaven and Earth."

2. Mark 16:15—to eleven at meat in Jerusalem. "Go unto *all the world*, and Preach the *"Gospel"* to the Whole Creation."

3. Luke 24:46-48—to the 11 and those with him, "That *Repentance* and *Remission* of *Sins* Should be preached in *"His Name"* among "All Nations."

4. John 20:21—Evening of the Resurrection Day. "As my Father Hath *sent Me Even So Send I You.*"

5. Acts 1:8—"Ye shall receive Power after that the Holy Ghost is Come upon you, and Ye shall be witnesses *Unto Me.*

In these Commands we see that Kingdom is to be built on "His Person, His Word, His Spirit, His Power"—"Christ First in the World."

III—In the *Acts of the Apostles*—

Where the Acts of His Spirit are carried out through His disciples. We see "Christ First."

A—They were to *be witness* after the Holy Ghost had come upon them.

B—In Acts 2:33, Christ Sends His Spirit. "He increases the Congregation of believers through Himself, "And the Lord added such as were being saved."

C—Saul was Conquered by Christ appearing to him personally, Acts 7:56.

D—Christ is First When He calls, Paul to Europe, Acts 9:10, etc.

E—The Lord opened Lydia's heart at the Riverside Prayer meeting," etc.

IV—Let us see *Christ First* in the Preaching of the Three Great Apostles.

A—Peter's keynote everywhere is "Hope in Christ." This is the Vision of Christ for the Child.

B—*Paul's Message* is "Faith in Christ," "Christ and Him Crucified," "Christ always before Him," "This is the Gospel for the Strength of Manhood."

C—*John,*—has the message of the "Indwelling Love" of Christ. "As Moses lifted up the Serpent, etc.," "God So loved the World, etc.," The Gospel for the advanced in the Kingdom.

V—"*How shall we Luther Leaguers* as Missionaries make Him first?"

A—He must be first in His Word. His Word in our hearts this will "*Give Life Spirit.*"

B—He must be first in Prayer. This gives Meditation, Strength.

C—He must be first in *Service.* This will see *Love* warm our hearts, and the world Shall take knowledge that we have been with Christ.

When Henry Martyn, the Great Persian Missionary lay dying of a fever, he was asked how the Home Church could increase its mission. He replied: "Tell them to live more with Christ; to catch more of His Spirit; for the Spirit of Christ, is the Spirit of Missions, and the nearer we get to Him the more intensely Missionary we must become."

Missionary Topics were discussed by Miss Tilda Nelson.

"My appeal to you, Luther Leagers, is to augment your missionary programs with the three royal G's—Grace, Grit, Gumption. And a real enthusiasm for the Kingdom of God. To do that we must be consecrated, we must be informed. Today's missionary programs are telling us about great world movements. If we study them in the right way we shall find very fascinating material. We are not satisfied with conditions as we find them in the church and out of the church, and so we are driven to seek the cause of our weakness and find the source of our power. We are asking again, 'Who really owns us?' 'Who has the right to govern us?' God answered that long ago, when he said, 'Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price.'

"We have been very reluctant to admit even a stewardship of possession. Our missionary programs are begging us to acknowledge not only a stewardship of possession but of calling, life, personality. We are willing to tell others what to do, but not willing to do it ourselves. We are like Patrick who was trying to convince his friend that socialism is all right, that we ought to share and share, until his friend said, 'Do you mean to tell me if you had two pigs you would share them with me?' And then Pat said, 'Now you stop right there, you *know* I've got two pigs!'

"One-fourth of the people of the average church are doing the work the other three-fourths seem not to have had the 'call.' In many a committee the chairman does it all.

"Our missionary programs tell us of the great things of the world, and if we are not workmen, we need to be ashamed. Our missionary programs tell us about the peasants of central and southern Europe coming to our country by the millions. What they do to America will depend upon what we do to them. They are bringing admirable qualities, capable of development into admirable Americans, but many of them bring also suspicion and hatred for government and religion.

"Often they find no courtesy or friendship in a community. They find oppression in the factory, in the mill and they go away saying 'America is hell—hell for the laboring man but heaven for the rich man.'

"Latin America is the largest mission field in the world today. They have a dead Christ down there. A traveler from South America said she saw an inscription over a church, 'Come unto Mary all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and she will give you peace.' In most churches there is a beautiful image of Mary, but a terrible image of Christ. And the sacrilige is something dreadful.

"There is a very real need. The world is looking to you. It's a call of the youth of the world to the youth of America. Now what are you going to do about it?"

Miss May Scherer had a splendid presentation outlined on Missionary Methods—one that should have taken at least an hour, but she was allotted only twenty minutes and had to get the hour's work into the twenty minutes. This humble reporter can write 200 words a minute in short hand—Miss Scherer spoke 957 words a minute—hence her complete speech was not recorded. We could just sit open eyed, open mouthed and wonder how any one could emit so many thoughts in such a short space of time.

Fortunately Miss Scherer has been elected Missionary Secretary, and through the pages of the REVIEW we will read her articles on 'Missionary Methods" from time to time.

Just a few thoughts from her demonstration:

Make use of all the agencies you have.

Every league should have a missionary secretary.

The missionary secretary should be prayerful and determined.

Hold monthly missionary meetings.

It is advisable to have five missionary minutes at each meeting.

Have a singing missionary meeting—answer questions by songs, *i. e.*, When shall we go? Sing, "Speed Away." From whence does the call come? Sing, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," etc. etc.

Tell the stories of missionaries.

Have a story telling contest—tell the story of certain missionaries, leaving out the names and let the leaguers guess.

Make use of returned missionaries—they are always glad to speak about their work.

Use a map and mark mission stations. Tell their story.

At some meetings assign questions and have them discussed, such as, "If you had $500 for missions, what would you do with it?"

Have a special missionary Christmas tree.

Social missionary meetings—send out invitations in the shape of a ship, let each table stand for a ship that has borne a missionary. You could also have some one at each table tell a ship story from the Bible.

Have a progressive meeting. Go from home to home, each home representing a mission station.

The Rev. J. Roy Strock, D.D., of India, spoke on "A Missionary Objective":

"I am going to refer first of all to something Dr. Gehr said in his address that what we are working for in the foreign field is the securing of disciples and gathering them into the churches. I feel as I speak of Andhra College that that must remind you that that is what we are really working for in the foreign field.

"What we are really working for is Indian leadership in the country of India. So long as the church in India has to depend upon us Americans or upon missionaries from other countries, we cannot say that our work has been a success. In other words, let us put it this way—the leadership in our church in India must be Indian leadership, or we fail. I wish I could bring before you some of the leaders that we have in India.

"Unless we look at the church as a co-operative movement, the church here co-operating with the church in India, we are not looking at it the way we should. I appeal to you to give your young lives to the foreign field, but I want you to realize that you are going to work alongside your Indian brother not as bishop or boss, but working together for the Kingdom of God, and the things we are really working for, the making of disciples and gathering them into the church.

"This Andhra Christian College—what is it anyway? There is no use my going into details—for a Christian college in India is as necessary as it is here. If Christian education is vital to our life as a church here, it is even more vital to the life of the church in India. Do you realize that unless we have Christian institutions of high standing, even our boys and girls will pass them by and go to Hindu colleges if they feel that by going there they can get a better education? If we are going to continue to exert an influence over a country like India, we must raise the standard or our days are numbered as far as Christianity is concerned."

Dr. Strock at this point told something about the manner in which Andhra College was first suggested, and how it became more or less of a reality. We will learn more about this from time to time as the drive continues for the raising of funds for the erection of this college. Dr. Strock continued:

"Here is this college, a standard college for 600 boys, in one of the most strategic sections of India, and it seems to me this is a distinct call to you Luther Leaguers. I could say a great deal about the advantages of having an objective, and I could say a good deal more about having a missionary objective, but I believe you can see what it would mean to the Luther League of America, if all the leagues in America would get behind this one objective and build the Administration Building, to be called Luther League Hall. Here is your chance to give the people of India, especially the young men of the Christian church in India, an evidence of true brotherhood.

"It seems to me that it ought to have a tremendous appeal to you. We are building to the future. We are going to help the Indians to help themselves. We are going to give to the church in India, not only men for the ministry, but men in the pews who will go into the industrial and business life of that country filled with ideas about the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

"It is a call from God to every one of us, a call to do more than we have done in the past, a call to make our prayers and money go out where it will do the most, and in an institution that will last from generation to generation, giving the church in India a leadership without which we cannot complete the evangelization of that great land.

"I am not going to tell you what you can do, but I do feel that you ought to have an Andhra Christian College day, that each league ought to have one meeting devoted to Andhra Christian College. Use some posters. We are preparing a pageant—hope many of you will put it on.

"Won't you give your honest, your intelligent, your informed interest—won't you pray for this enterprise? Won't you do all

you possibly can for it? Won't you accept this as your missionary objective? Look upon it as a call to our church to go forth, as a call to a larger faith in God."

THE LIFE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

An address, "Christ First in Life Service," was delivered by the Rev. John F. Fedders.

Before beginning his address, the Rev. Mr. Fedders told us of a broadcasting station which was opened in Milwaukee on the previous evening, and from which the following greetings were sent to all young people in the United States:

"It so happens that the National Luther League of America is in session in our city of Milwaukee, July 7, 8 and 9. The officers and delegates send greetings over WSOE—Wisconsin School of Engineering and Wisconsin News Radiocasting Station—to all Luther Leaguers throughout the United States and Canada.

"The young people of America are interested in the type of service this station will promote, and the greetings of WSOE are added to those of the Luther League of America to all young people of the country."

This is the first time in our history that we have been able to extend greetings to all leaguers in the country via the radio. No doubt the time will come when we will be able to broadcast the entire proceedings, and leaguers unable to attend need only to turn the dial and tune in!

Reverting to the subject at hand, "Life Service," Rev. Fedders said:

"Thirteen years ago a young leader who was making a name for himself among the boys of America wrote in a book of mine this little message:

" 'That in all things He might have the pre-eminence. The first place in creation, in history, in revelation and Christian experience, Christ still holds the pre-eminence—in the lives of the keenest thinkers and the greatest of men in every walk of life. He it is who inspires the noblest and helps us to act the best. I have but one passion. It is He! is the spirit of the truly great. Though some men measure manhood by muscle, mentality or honors, the true measure of manhood today is Christ. In the least and in the greatnesses of life may He have the pre-eminence.'

"The writer was Arthur N. Cotton, who has led more young men into lives of service than any other young man I know.

"I want to bring to you some of the fundamental principles we need to emphasize in thinking of this great subject of Life Service. I am venturing four lines of thought as fundamentally necessary.

"First—Luther Leaguers must catechize. The Catechism is a great thing in our church, but I am thinking of this word in its relationship to ourselves—asking myself who am I? Where did I come from? What is my origin? Shall I answer with the words of Tennyson, as he says 'In Memoriam':

'So runs my dream; but what am I?
An infant crying in the night,
An infant crying for the light,
And with no language but a cry.'

"A Christian knows the answer. He says, I am a child of God, I belong to God. Then you ask, 'What am I doing with my life?' Your Life Service Department asks you that question. When you sing, 'Take My Life,' do you mean it? I know there are many here who do—the garbs of our deaconesses show that they have given their lives to Christ. The garbs of our pastors, the young men and women working as officers of the national organization show that they are doing their part for Christ. What are you doing? . . . So we must catechize and find out what we are doing, where we are going. What about needs in this country today? What are the social conditions? What are the moral conditions? What about the needs of my church? Have I no obligation to my church?

"The second thing, it seems to me, is to agonize. We haven't done enough of that. We must get down on our knees and pray. Many things are accomplished through prayer. We need prayers with tears. Sincere prayers.

"The third thing is this: After you have catechized yourself, and agonized then organize! Agonizing without organizing doesn't amount to much. A sky rocket is blown and scatters around everywhere, leaving nothing. That's enthusiasm without action. That's agonizing without organizing.

"When we look around in the world we see how God has organized things. Light is organized color, music is organized sound, love is organized emotion, electricity is organized lightning, mind is organized thought. So you can go down the category of the universe and see how things are organized."

At this point the Rev. Mr. Fedders gave illustrations of how God has organized things in nature, referring to plants in the swamps, etc.

"The last thing is to vitalize! For the things God wishes to accomplish he must have more than organization. He must link it with a living spirit of God.

"A lad went to college not long ago, and the story is told, when he left for school his parents called him in and said, 'We want you to think of the fundamental things of

life. We are going to give you a little motto to put on your wall. Keep it in mind constantly, and your mother and father will some day be proud of you!' The motto that he put on his wall said, 'I'm Third!' The other students used to wonder about this, and he told them that on the last day of school he would explain it to them. Well, he studied hard, he prayed hard, he worked hard, always keeping in mind his motto, I'm Third! Along came graduation week, and the boys said, 'Now tell us what it means.' And he told them the meaning of the motto. He said, 'Boys, my mother and father always told me that I must put God first, my fellow-man second and myself third, and so that has been my motto throughout the four years of my college life! He put Christ first in his life. That's vitalizing your religion. That's putting your religion into your college life. I'm Third—was the vital principle of his life. That's what we need—putting Christ first, and our fellow-man second."

The Rev. Mr. Fedders told us of a recent meeting of his Luther League at which time the topic called attention to the local church, its history, etc. At this time four charter members and forty-four leaguers were present. The pioneers told of the mission that struggled to life fourteen years ago and resulted in the fine present Lake Park Church. A challenge was thrown out, "What will the youth today do to match their sacrifice?" The answers that were made by the youth of the church were printed in detail in *The Lutheran,* July 9 issue. All good Luther Leaguers no doubt read this splendid article by the Rev. Fedders, so we need not repeat it here.

Life Service Plans and Methods were discussed by the Rev. A. C. Portz as follows:

Life Service Plans and Methods

Those of us who attended our Convention at York, Pa., well recall that pointed opening address by our keen and consecrated President of Muhlenberg College —Dr. Haas. His theme was *objectives.* He introduced his address with a common yet telling illustration.

He attended a Church service where an usher ran up and down the aisle with great alacrity. He said to the pastor, "You have a very active head of the ushers." The reply given was "He is more nervous than active for he plans nothing and acts on the hit and miss principle."

Dr. Haas came to another church where everything was arranged quietly and properly—ushers knew where seats were vacant, knew who to place there, with utmost grace and ease. They knew what they had to do and how to do it. They had an *aim* and understood that *aim.*

So when the church or any of its organizations engages in any work the first fact necessary,—it must *know whether the task engaged in is a real part of its purpose.*

We believe the work of the Luther League to be a *real and vital if not the most vital* part of the purpose of the Church. The League has real objectives—she knows them to be Education, Missions and Life Service. The heart of these three is *Education.* There can be no life service unless we are trained to serve, unless we know the *nature* and *character* of service. Mere willingness is not sufficient—it does not prepare us for a life of vital helpfulness. To simply fill space in life or be in an occupation which does not fit into God's plan and purposes, is positively sinful and wrong.

What plans and methods shall we employ to show us our place and purpose in life? We might discuss dozens of them here today but no plan is worthy our time unless it knows and follows the natural process of our minds, viz., intellect—sensibility—will;—knowing—feeling action.

First, then all plans to be effective must *educate.* Spasmodic and impulsive methods are not effective methods. They are contrary to our Lutheran conception of church work.

Methods, must first show our *object* for being alive; our *purpose* for living. If they do not do this they are worse than useless, they are positively dangerous.

What objective, what purpose must our methods accomplish? So today we might discuss numerous methods and do far worse than to leave some details to be solved by local circumstances. We prefer to emphasize *method* today rather than *methods.* Proper method must *first* emphasize a certain mighty fact; it must give to every youth an indelible *vision* which can never be erased. This I can show best and most briefly by illustration.

A great Scotch divine, in company with fellow travelers, was resting at a point midway up the Alps mountains and in awe stood admiring the opposite snow and ice-clad slopes. A guide pointed out what seemed but black spots on the opposite slope. Upon looking through a high-power glass, these spots proved to be mountain climbers wending their way upward and with great danger of being hurled into the depths below. As this divine stood in amazement looking at those mountain climbers and being aware of their danger, his attention was called to another object far ahead of those climbers. The field glass revealed that object to be a perfect cross, of the type upon which Christ was crucified, carved into the ice-clad mountain side. Then the picture was complete. Mountain climbers struggling forward, trying to reach that cross hewn out of the mountain side, but in the greatest danger to their physical lives. This revealed the second more serious picture of the mass of human kind struggling on in the greatest danger of being hurled, not to physical but spiritual destruction. Ahead of them is the Cross of Christ, and the redemption He wrought. *Humanity and the Cross must be brought together.* It is part of our glorious privilege to help accomplish this fact.

When youth once has this fact made a part of himself it will with the proper consecration be moved to serve Him whom it has definitely pledged to serve when it confessed Him publicly. There is nothing else the Christian can do. He is bound—love bound and duty bound to recognize his part and do it.

Years ago, in a southern State, a slave auction was held. Upon the block stood a beautiful young woman, fair of countenance, with yellow hair and blue eyes, and only upon the fingernails and at the roots of the hair was there slight tinge of color to show that generations back an African had been among her ancestors. She stood there to be sold as a slave, and bids came from all over the crowd. Every bid made by those near the auction block was answered and raised by someone further back, and at last to the distant bidder the girl was sold. The throng opened to give the man access to his purchase. As the girl looked at her new master she saw that he was no ordinary person. Benign the face and gentle the eye of the man who drew near to her. As he came to the block he stood by the girl a moment, then put his hand in his coat pocket, drew out a paper and handed it to her and said in gentle tones: "My girl you are free; here are your manumission papers."

He turned to leave her, but on the instant she leaped from the block, dropped at his feet, clasped his knees with her arms and with tears streaming down her face said "Oh, sir, do not leave me; I do not know who you are but take me with you. You have redeemed me, and I will serve you faithfully all my life."

The Christian has been redeemed not with gold and silver, not with perishable things, but with that precious shed blood on Calvary—to do less than serve that Christ is ingratitude indeed.

How do I know I and *every* person has a responsibility in this matter of life? Just as the civil engineer has a starting point for his measurements. He starts with sea level. So the Christian has a starting point—correct—unwavering—constant, the same yesterday, today and forevermore. The starting point for the Christian is a Perfect Ideal—a Perfect Expression of life purpose. We choose Jesus because of what He did and what He was—the Saviour of Man, the perfect Son of God—God incarnate. He is the only

standard which the Christian dare follow, hence ideals, purposes and objectives which He rejected must be rejected by the Christian youth.

Let us take a page out of the life of the Master which makes some facts very clear. Let us go into the wilderness with Jesus and Satan—the temptation scene. In that fearful drama Jesus rejected once and for all time some objectives of life as entirely unworthy. He rejected first all *material things* as a worthy objective; He rejected *Power* as a worthy objective; He rejected *Popularity* as a worthy life objective. These *all* unworthy as ends in themselves. His purpose, His meat was "to do the will of Him that sent me."

Life Service Methods must be of the kind that will show us the Jesus ideal and this comes through education—a proper study of this particular subject from and in God's infallible Word. We believe the plans we have been suggesting in our Department of the REVIEW,—the Life Service Department, if carried out will bring, by God's grace, working through this vehicle of grace, the greatly desired and much needed results. We believe the plan of the Annual Life Service Day, preceded by a thorough class study of a recommended text on Life Service, is clear to all of us today, hence shall not dwell thereon, save to ask that we cooperate and use it. Use it in every detail. Use the Decision cards. Help direct, get the desired information concerning the lives of our youth, follow up. These cards do not ask for new decisions. The Christian is already a *pledged worker* for Christ. He has no choice about that matter. It is not a matter of *will I work* but *where will* I work? What youth has not and does not desire help in this matter?

Our one great need now is to *concentrate* on some one method, which has proved itself worthy of united effort, and cease dissipating our energies. This fact is more inclusive than merely the Luther League. Our United Lutheran Church has much to improve on this very point.

We are calling a Conference of all State and District Life Service Secretaries this fall for instruction and counsel. Plan now to make it possible for your representative to attend.

Miss Mostetter of York, Pa., District will here explain the Life Service Flag as used in her District. (See Life Service Department of the June issue of the REVIEW for a complete statement.)

Miss Davis the Educational Life Service Secretary of South Carolina explained the South Carolina plans. (See Life Service Department of REVIEW, April, 1925, and previous issues.)

Miss Hostetter of the York District League exhibited a beautiful service flag and explained its meaning. This district has adopted this life service flag and uses it very much as service flags were used during the war. A gold star is placed on the flag for each young man preparing for the ministry. Two blue stars represented a parish worker and a foreign missionary. The stars are removed from the white field to the blue field when those who are studying enter the active ministry or active church service. Black stars are used for those who die while studying. A silver star is used for those entering the work of the diaconate.

Miss Myrtle Davis of Columbia, S. C., briefly told of the splendid work this state is doing in the Life Service Department. She reported that two-thirds of the leagues had held a life service program, and this year the report would be even better.

THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

This important department of our work was capably handled by the various speakers representing the different phases of intermediate work.

The Rev. R. D. Heim made the introductory address, "Christ First in the Intermediate Department."

"I take it as we have gathered here, you must be finding it tremendously gripping to think of Christ First in so many ways. Are you not discovering a great secret of abundant living, a secret which fits every century, every race, both sexes at every stage of life?

"In every century of every color, at any age you could hear them singing:

"The children—'What a Friend We Have in Jesus.'

"The youth—'The Son of God Goes Forth to War.'

"The mature—'How Firm a Foundation.'

"The aged—'Abide with Me.'

"It is because of this universal preeminence of Christ that we are now able to proceed to another part of the program and consider Christ First in the Intermediate Department.

"I am told that men never really grow up, they are always boys at heart. And I am sure the ladies never object to being reminded how

"'The drawbridge dropped with a surly clang,
And through the dark arch a charger sprang,
Bearing Sir Launfal, the maiden knight,
In his gilded mail that flamed so bright
To seek in all climes for the Holy Grail.'

"So it will be agreeable to all of us to think of every intermediate boy and girl as a Sir Launfal. And are they not? The doors of their homes have just begun to open to give them fuller freedom. They are new searchers after the Holy Grail, new seekers for fulness of life. Certainly they are untaught but eager maiden knights.

"Also, I recall it, life treated Sir Launfal rather unkindly. And as you remember it, what did life do for you when you were of the intermediate age? Was it not a battling time? Did you not experience some of that storm and stress of which psychologists write? So is every modern Launfal meeting many black knights in the forest, black knights of handicap, loneliness, ignorance, temptation, sin, allurement, black knights who throw down the glove, and challenge him to fight and conquer, or be ruined. And many are ruined, that is why we call it the critical age. That is why the intermediate department has been organized to meet this peril to the youth and save them for God.

"Where is the help? Christ first! Let Christ be first in knowledge. Let their enthusiasm be for Christ. Let their loyalty be for Him, and let Him be the example for the habits they form. Let each Launfal

take Christ as his companion, as his unseen Knight.

"First—Christ the Friend. Chas. Kingsley was once asked the secret of his successful life, and he replied, 'I had a friend.' One does not know whether he meant that Jesus Christ was that friend, but He may well have been, for the quality of friendship is one of the most outstanding qualities of the Master. Some have guessed that the great Love Chapter of St. Paul is the Apostle's pen picture of Jesus.

"Our first glimpse of his friendliness is when He was an Intermediate youth. He would scarcely have found a place in the Temple with the Doctors of Divinity if he had not been a friendly boy. And so it continues until from the cross he gave the keeping of his mother to his most beloved friend John. Early in his ministry he began to choose a group of disciples who were genuinely friends. And then others came in crowds or singly. There was that rich young ruler, the public man Nicodemus, who had to steal to him by night; Joseph of Arimathea, who lent a tomb; women who anointed him; one who had sinned; the publican; tax gatherers; Zaccheus, who probably had no friend until Jesus came to him. How they loved Him! Because He loved them.

"Jesus was not only a friend, He was an idealist, and that makes him a choice companion for idealistic youth. Jesus was only twice the age of an Intermediate when He ended His career in the flesh. He was a young man, but what he had accomplished! Until today we give Him the pre-eminence over all things. That is because Jesus chose the best ideals for His life and lived up to them. Goodness was one of Jesus' ideals. Jesus thought on whatever things are true, pure and of good report. And He did the deeds that such things lead to.

"Jesus was strong. He was strong enough to say '*No*' when tempted. He played the game on the square. He was fearless. He was reverent. Jesus could pray; He knew the father intimately. When you have a friend like that can you be less? What could not one become if one put Christ first?

"Certainly too we Intermediate leaders shall present to our Sir Launfals Christ the Teacher.

"(a) About God. Every Intermediate in whom the sense of sin is developing ought to know what Jesus said about God; how He is like that father whose son had gone away and made a mess of his life, wasted precious things that could never be replaced, made stains upon his life that could never be washed off, and yet how the father waited every day until he came home, and how he received the boy, rejoicing. And so God rejoices when a sinner has repented.

"(b) About others. As I recall it, Sir Launfal had a besetting sin of selfishness, pride. Perhaps that is rather characteristic of Intermediates. If so, let them hear Jesus' new commandment; he repeats and reiterates it in verse and parable; it is this, 'Love one another!'

"(c) About life. How to live it abundantly. Remember how Jesus took the townspeople, the peasants, officials, and children up into the mountains. He did things to make them happy.

"One more way Intermediates should know Christ. He was a man with a cause. Jesus Christ was a man committed to an enterprise. He had one consuming loyalty. It was to do the will of the Father for all humankind. He announced his purpose at twelve years of age. 'Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?' Would we not praise God if every Intermediate would thus stand beside his Master and dedicate himself likewise?

"I want to cite an example of loyalty. Two brothers fought side by side in the trenches. They were ordered over the top together. Only one came back. He immediately went to his captain and asked permission to get his brother. But the captain replied, 'He's probably dead, and you're risking your own life,' but the brother insisted he must go, and he went. Soon he came back, sadly bearing the lifeless body of his brother, and himself badly wounded. 'I told you so,' said the captain. But the boy answered, 'But when I got there he was still breathing and he looked into my face and said, 'I knew you'd come John'—why it was worth everything just to hear that!' Leaders of intermediate youth, we can do nothing greater for our boys and girls than to help them choose such careers that some time a needy world helped on its way, may say, 'I knew you'd come.'

"We are told there is a certain monument at the base of one of the Alps. It is comprised of two figures. One is the climber, looking at the mountain heights with doubt and fear. The other is the figure of the guide bent over with eagerness, one hand pointing to the summit and seeming to say, 'Come with me—I know the way.' So Christ comes to the Intermediate boy and girl, who has first caught sight of the heights of life—just seen a vision of what life can be now and eternally—just then challenged by the quest of life abundant. Christ points out the way and His other hand outstretched invites the youth to come with Him. It is for us to join those hands of youth and Christ in an eternal clasp."

The Rev. C. P. Swank, S. T. D., dealt

with the intermediate boy, whom he seems to understand very intimately. A portion of his talk follows:

"A few years ago there was a noted speaker in Coatesville, Pa., and in his address he was explaining to the people the four phases of the four-fold life, physical, social, mental and devotional. He had eloquently dwelt at length on the first three, and when he came to the devotional the leader called him down and said his time was up. And so it seems some of us spend a great deal of time on what we think is a worthwhile program and overlook perhaps the most important part, or haven't time to go into it. We hear a great deal about the four-fold life. I have no quarrel with persons who put forth this kind of a program, but the business of the Church is to put Christ first!

"The church and her organizations had better talk less about themselves and more about Christ. If the church fails to make its impression of Christ upon the youth, who will do it? The public school Society? Will even the home do it? A wise business man once said, 'You can't expect the other fellow to attend to your business.' In these days of specialization the church ought not to forget to specialize in Christ.

"The opportunity of the boy are limitless. There is no such thing as a boy problem. It is a boy opportunity. Boys have sense—often more than adults. They desire real ideas and heroic opportunities. The intermediate age is one of interest, imagination and imitation. They have a sense of honor.

"When Ben Lindsey was judge in Denver a policeman arrested and brought in a notable young criminal. The judge was busy and nearby was an open window. The policeman became impatient and reminded the judge that the prisoner might jump out of the window and escape. The judge turned to the boy and said, 'My boy, if you are innocent, when I turn my back you may escape.' The lad walked deliberately to the window and closed it! He had a sense of honor.

"A friend of mine said he had a wonderful future—behind him! We must not forget that the boy's life is not now but in the future. The Luther League has an unparalleled opportunity to not only train but select future leaders. Our mind should always be on the future career of these boys, the greatest asset (next to the girls) that America, or any country, has.

"The secret of a great life and influential usefulness, regardless of what the occupation or talents may be, is a keen Christian conscience. No life in this day of civilization can hope to be truly great that is not built upon Christ.

"As a pastor I have tried to work carefully and intelligently with the boys. I consider the boys one of the real treasures that a pastor has in his parish. If he is not careful with these youths, what in the world will his future congregation be like? There is a great opportunity offered in the intermediate boy.

"I think there is an opportunity in our Luther League topics. They are fine and I am not criticising—it is a splendid thing to talk about the history of our church, our missionary agencies, it's a splendid thing to talk about David, Abraham and some of these, but in this, my friends, suppose we fail to uphold Christ? I believe we can teach the boy doctrine, forms, etc., in which we take such pride and forget the essential thing—Jesus Christ! Our church is a wonderful church, but we would be doing much better to teach our boys about Jesus Christ rather than forms that are not essential.

"My last point is that the life of the boy is not here, it is yonder. Keep this in mind when you are working with that little fellow who is later going to be a useful leader. We must be looking for leaders. Who is going to take the places of those men who have been speaking here? If you and I fail to select leaders out of these boys there will be a failure in the future. One of the presidents of one of our great railroads said that one of the chief things in his life has been to select the right personnel from the young men of his organization. I try to select the boys and girls in my parish and train them for future leadership in the church. Their lives are yonder, not here. Jesus translated into the boys' life will make a life of usefulness and leadership for him."

Sister Pearle Lyerly, who knows the intermediate girl, and who sets such a beautiful example to the girls by her own cheerful, consecrated life, told us about "The Intermediate Girl."

"In studying the intermediate girl we have one of the most interesting subjects before us. She who shall rock the cradle of tomorrow, she who shall lead the first steps of the children yet unborn, she who shall be the leader to uphold the Christian principles, she who has the greatest opportunity ever given to anyone in the world is the intermediate girl. Yes, great opportunities for good or evil. The result of the training of the intermediate girl will depend upon the leaders of our Luther League today. What kind of leaders are you with the intermediate girl?

"In order to understand the intermediate

girl more closely suppose we study her for a few minutes. Yes, you will say, be a leader for that girl when every time she comes to the meeting she disturbs the program, she giggles every time anything funny, or even if it isn't funny, happens, and she disturbs the entire meeting. To be a leader for that girl? I could never stand it! But wait a moment, just think for a minute—that girl that is giggly, that girl that disturbs the meeting is God's girl. And in God's girl the world will have the greatest opportunity for good or for evil; then will you refuse to be a leader of that giggly girl? I hope you will say, 'Never will I turn away from the great task.' But why must we study this girl? Why is she so restless? Just remember there is a great change taking place in that girl's physical life, a change that she cannot understand, a change that the leader must understand in order to be a leader with that girl.

"At the same time that she is giggling she has been told that her smile is becoming, and she does not know the difference between smiling and giggling. Another reason is because she wants to become popular among the young men, because at this intermediate age you will find she is dressing up. All she thinks about is beaux. Put yourself into the intermediate's place, and don't try to make the intermediate step up to the place where you are now.

"We will find at the same time that this girl is very much interested in Jesus. She wants to know more about her Saviour. She wants to know more about Him who can understand all things, even the changes in her own life, even the things she cannot understand. She wants to know more about Him. She wants to talk to Him as a Saviour, but if she does not have a leader how is she going to understand these various things?

"That is just a brief study of the girl. Can you picture yourself now in the intermediate age? If you can, we will press forward. First, we must be a student of the intermediate girl, then we must be a sympathizer with the girl. Yes, we must sympathize with her because at home she does not get the sympathy of her mother, because her mother also wonders 'what can I do with her?' Her mother fails to understand the girl, so we must sympathize with her, in times of joy and in times of trouble."

Sister Pearle here told of some of her personal experiences with intermediate girls who were very interesting and showed the need of sympathizing and helping girls of the intermediate age. She continued:

"You must be a standard for the girl. Every intermediate girl is looking for an ideal. They always worship the great leaders of the land. Senior members of the Luther League will you become a standard for the intermediate girl? It is one of the greatest opportunities. We have heard our churches calling for life service recruits, for missionaries to go to the foreign land, but today we need missionaries within our own gates because the intermediate age is the most trying age in the church throughout the country, not only in the Lutheran but in all denominations, so we must have leaders that will stand out as examples for the intermediates. It is necessary then to give to the intermediate that which she is longing for? If you walk along the streets of our great cities you find very few of the girls in the homes. You find them standing on the street corners talking and laughing; yes giggling. Where can the intermediate go unless you provide a place for her? Then we come to the next point:

"Be a supply for the girl. We must organize. If you do not have an organization in your church, plan to organize as soon as you return or as soon as your active work starts in the fall. Don't wait for forty or fifty boys and girls. If you have only three or four it is important, because the intermediate does not want crowds.

"Let me direct your attention to the fact that God is calling you to be a gardener in this great garden. Let us compare the intermediate girls with a rose bush. On this bush you have rosebuds. If you study the opening of every bud you will find that every bud on that bush is different, but with the help of the sun and rain and all the things that God gives to those roses, they open up and blossom forth—so it is with the intermediate girls. If we expect to become leaders of the intermediate girl, we must study them individually. You will see that individual blossom forth, and give that life that is so beautiful, that life that is so heroic, so pure, Christ's life, that is held up by every human throughout the world, as *the* life for Jesus Christ.

"Out of 50,000 girls a test was made, and it was found that among these girls 46 per cent of the time was spent doing nothing! There is your opportunity! Only 1 1-2 per cent of the time was spent in all the church organizations combined, the Sunday school, the different organizations within the church. Don't you see a great need for work with these intermediate girls?

"May the call come to individuals, to every one here to look into the lives of these giggly girls, to remember that in all times of temptations and trials you are dealing with God's girl. Take that back home with you, and when you see a girl

whispering in church don't get angry with her, just try to direct that energy into some other channel, and lead her on because she is God's girl. She will become lost to the church unless we become her friend. She is lonely unless we become her companion. So may Christ give to each one of you the wonderful admonition to go home and to live your life for the sake of God's girl.'

The Rev. C. M. Teufel, chairman of the Intermediate Committee, gave a practical talk on Intermediate Methods. The Rev. Teufel said:

"I think I reflect the sentiment of this convention when I state that the three speakers that have just preceded me have led us onto very holy ground. I almost hesitate to proceed with my portion of this subject. I feel under a distinct obligation to these speakers who have just spoken to you. They have brought to you the message concerning the intermediatae life—there is no question about it."

After this introduction the Rev. Teufel continued along practical lines, and very briefly called attention to all the literature available at headquarters for intermediates. For instance:

"Why an Intermediate League"—here you can find a form of intermediate organization that will suit your needs.

After organization we have a constitution that you can use.

After you are organized you should be registered.

The devotional service—the hub of the whole thing—was stressed, and attention called to the pamphlet with topics for the year.

Another pamphlet is called "57 varieties of meetings."

Also one on outdoor and camping meetings.

The merit system was explained.

The Intermediate reading course, the pageant and other literature, all of which is available at Luther League headquarters, was brought to our attention.

The Rev. Teufel introduced Mr. Rohde of Toledo, Ohio, and Mr. Elliott of Findlay, Ohio, who spoke briefly on their experiences in Intermediate work.

The Big Banquet

The banquet, an innovation as far as the National League is concerned, was a tremendous success from every angle. More than 600 Leaguers were served. Hardly was everyone seated when the singing (?) began. This continued throughout the evening whenever there was a moment's lull. There was much pleasant competition and bantering back and forth among the New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Illinois crowds who seemed to predominate, in noise making at any rate.

The invocation was asked by the Rev. W. W. Kennerly, D. D. The genial Rev. F. W. Otterbein showed some real Chicago wit as toastmaster, while Mr. Herbert W. Fischer of Omaha was the song leader.

After the repast came the spiritual food, the first of which was "served" by George T. Ettinger, Ph.D., dean of Muhlenberg College.

Dr. Ettinger, small of stature but powerful as to speech, had to stand on a chair to be seen, but was easily heard in all parts of the large auditorium. Dr. Ettinger's speech "The Art of All Arts," was interspersed with jokes, yet never once did he fail to put over a serious thought when he wanted to. Excerpts follow:

"I think it is wonderfully fitting that a native born Pennsylvania German should come to the German city of Milwaukee and bring greetings of the eastern Lutherans to this western metropolis. I feel that I have the honor of bringing to you the greetings of the eastern part of the United States in Lutheranism. I come from the district in which in 1742 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg coming from the grand old University of Halle came to this country and gathered the Lutherans along the eastern borders and started what is now our grand Lutheran church of America.

"I thought we might possibly devote a short time this evening to the consideration of the art of all arts. You know we read and talk a great deal about science and art. There are a great many people that seem to have the impression that there is something magical about science, something unusual, so that when a fakir on the square tells his gathered crowd that this is a scientific preparation he just rakes in the dollars, and hands out the bottles. There is nothing magical about science. It is simply a later word which means knowledge. Some of it is a mighty power, but it is simply knowledge, classified, and systematized so that you have a body of related facts and you know the fundamental principles that connect all these facts. Now when we take that knowledge and then apply it in our practical life, and we apply it for instance under what we now choose to call the arts, then we get the art of the thing, instead of the fundamental knowledge only. For instance, your famous Helmholtz will tell you how long and how wide a tube must be in order to emit a certain sound, and how many vibrations a string must make in order to emit a certain tone. That's the physics of the thing. That's the fundamental knowledge which we call science. That would be

the scientific basis of music, and then when Beethoven and Wagner take those fundamental facts and weave these sounds together into those wonderful harmonious symphonies, you get the application of these principles. That is what you call the art of music.

"The same holds true of life. We find that the fundamental knowledge pertaining to our bodies we call physiology and anatomy. The fundamental knowledge that we apply to mind we call psychology. These principles we then take and as we apply them, as we obey them, as we follow them in our life, we are going to have the art of living. In my humble judgment the art of living is the art of all arts. Not only from the importance that is connected with it here on earth, but from the still greater importance that is connected with it in our preparation while here, for a life hereafter. And in this art of living the one great thing is to get a proper perspective of life. You know when the artist paints a picture he takes a flat surface, whether canvas or cardboard, and by drawing lines on this flat surface he creates the impression in the beholder's eye of looking out into a great distance. What seems to be a mere speck, as you gaze out in the distance, represents a human being. How does the artist bring this about? By the magic of his art? No, by obeying the law of perspective. According to that law the objects that appear larger are in front, and the next smaller, and smaller, and so on. If the artist should revert the order, if he put the smaller objects first and the larger objects last, the result would be just exactly the same as if you take your telescope and invert it and look in at the wrong end. In other words he would be magnifying the wrong end.

"Isn't that the way many of us treat life itself? We magnify in this life the things of little importance, and too frequently have entirely neglected the things that are of great importance.

"I believe my friends that at this moment the world is money mad and pleasure crazy. I am not here to decry money—most of us must work for a living. Most of us must get enough to keep body and soul together, and it is a blessing that we must. You know the old adage, "An idle brain is the devil's workshop." As soon as we go around hunting something to do, it is just as likely as not that we will find the wrong thing to do.

"As I said before I am not here to decry money, but I am here to assert that the way some men and women live in this world simply for the sake of accumulating money is a libel on life. It is not living in the real sense of the word. Are there not men and women at this very moment who are willing to lie and cheat, to steal and if need be to kill off their fellow men in order to get money? And when they have it, what do they do? They lie down and die! Have you ever heard of anybody taking any along? No my friends, the only thing we take along out of life is the one thing we brought into life, and that's the immortal soul. That's all we will take along.

"Do you know that you and I are in the greatest business in the universe? You know what that business is—the training of human souls, and as you and I are living here we are making or marring a soul for the future.

"And in the matter of pleasure. There is an old adage, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' so we must have some kind of pleasure, but just as soon as we make pleasure a business that it is no longer a pleasure, then it becomes an occupation. If you go to the movies every night a week, it is no longer a pleasure—then it becomes a business.

"Now you may ask if this isn't a life in which we are to make money and have a good time, what kind of a life is it? Isn't it after all a life of duty and of beauty? You know when you fathers and mothers tell your children to do certain things that the command comes with authority because it is based on your relation to the children. It is not a matter of debate, but you are the older and more experienced. You are the parent. Are we not all sons and daughters of a higher father? Is not our conduct to be regulated by the commands that our Father has given us? It is not for us to debate whether we want to be honest—we have been commanded to be honest, so that is the situation that we train ourselves in this life to lead such a life that it will be pleasing not only to ourselves, but above all things that it will meet with the approbation of that higher father.

"How many of us lie awake at night studying how to improve the Christian Church? I think that my religion must take hold of me and permeate me to be a part of myself, otherwise it isn't worth having, but too much of our religion is like cheap furniture that has a veneer over it. You get it too near the radiator and the veneer cracks off. My religion ought to be like solid oak wood. When you take a piece of solid oak you can saw a piece off. You can do anything you please with it, but what is left is still solid oak. That's the way our religion ought to be—it ought to be a part of ourselves. Instead of that we treat it like our Sunday suit of clothes. On Sunday morning we get it out, put it on, go to church and we are a pillar in the church.

In the evening we hang up that suit, and on Monday morning we put on a business suit. And then some need watching!

"Now, my friends, I do not know that I can leave any better message with you this evening than to refer you to an anecdote that comes from the autobiography of Edward Bok. You know Edward Bok is a Dutch boy—it will be an inspiration for you to read how this little Dutch boy six years old came over to this country, and by means of his Dutch pluck and enterprise rose to be one of the great men in America, and it makes you tingle when you read what this glorious country of ours can do for a foreign born boy. It makes you feel proud that you are an American. The autobiographer tells us that years ago there was an island on the coast of Holland that was bleak and barren, nothing grew there and it was infested by pirates. These pirates lay in wait there until the storms of the sea would drive a ship against the island; they would then pounce upon the shipwreck and make their living. So finally the Dutch government made up its mind that this had to stop, and they referred the matter to a man by the name of Bok, who was Mayor and Judge of the district. Well, he cleaned up the place, he laid out roads, planted trees, and so beautified the place that even the pirates were glad to gather underneath the trees, and to give up their evil trade.

"In the course of time, this man married and raised thirteen children, and on one occasion the mother gathered them all around her and told them the story of their father, and ended like this: 'Children I wanted you to know the story of your father, and now as each one goes out into life I want you to do what your father did, that is, make this world a little better, a little more beautiful because you have lived in it.'

"I can give you no better lesson, no better motto to take along with you, my young friends, than to have you remember that anecdote, and as all of us go into life let us make this world a little better, a little more beautiful, and as members of the Christian church I want you to use your influence in favor of that peace for which after all the Son of Man himself died."

After the prolonged applause had died down, the Rev. H. C. Hoffstater of the Near East Relief spoke briefly on the work of that organization and the observance of Golden Rule Sunday.

The Rev. Carl A. Sundberg, D. D., president of Thiel College, was enthusiastically greeted by the Luther Leaguers, and his lively talk "went over big." Surely we were not disappointed in our banquet speakers. Space forbids printing all the jokes told us by the Rev. Mr. Sundberg, but we understand Mr. Hodges has made a note of them, and no doubt we will see them from time to time in the REVIEW!

In his serious moments Rev. Mr. Sundberg said in part:

"I want you to keep in mind the keynote of the convention, 'Christ First.' My subject tonight is 'Our Fate or Our Fortune'—which will it be? I would like to base my message upon the Gospel of St. Matthew, twenty-eighth chapter, verses 18 to 20: 'And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'

"Christ says 'all power;' that means all power, all authority is in Him. I am wondering if we realize what Jesus means when he says 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations.' He says all nations, not all nations except Germany, as some thought during the war.

"I want to speak first about the power of God. We talk about the teaching of evolution as an effort to deny the power of God. I feel that we as Lutherans stand together and fight that, and you will say that God will bless us, and will bless the Lutheran church for standing as she does. I have spoken in not only Lutheran churches, but in all kinds of gatherings, Methodist, Baptist and so on. Of course I always give them Lutheranism, and you would be surprised at the words of commendation I have received because of the stand that we, as Lutherans, take upon these fundamentals. I feel as Teddy Roosevelt said— He said that the Lutheran Church is destined to be one of the two or three great evangelical forces in America. I believe he is right. So let us stand together as Lutherans. Let us remember the power of God and the power of His word. Let us not be led astray by evolution. When I say evolution I don't mean the evolution or development of industry, or the auto or anything like that. I am striking at that materialistic interpretation of evolution which tries to explain the origin of man by leaving God out of it.

"To whom is God speaking when he says, 'Go ye?' I firmly believe this does not have reference to ministers only, but that great command is given to every one of us, and when you get to that other shore the Lord will ask you, 'Did you not hear my command? What did you do in the way of saving souls?' That command is for everyone!

God has called us to be co-laborers with Him.

"Why did God send His only son? What was His purpose? Why to make disciples, and we are supposed to be co-laborers. I feel greatly indebted to the work of the Luther League. I believe I am in the gospel ministry because of the Luther League. I was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in that Luther League I feel I received the inspiration—heard the call of God.

"I feel that the effort of this convention will be in vain absolutely unless there is a consideration given to the matter of dedicating your life to the Lord. I would that there were young men and women going home and saying, 'I am going to give myself to the noblest calling in the world, the ministry of the Gospel, or the ministry of mercy. I hope that this will be the outcome of this convention. . . . And so the purpose is salvation. Let us see that our souls are right with God. Let us lead others into the blessings we are enjoying.

"Next we will consider God's presence. 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' I feel this convention will be a failure, unless you young people, every one here will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. That's the thing we want to look for. I believe we are in the last dispensation of the world. I do not believe that the world is coming to an end as yet. I do not say that I know the day or the hour because no man knoweth the day or hour. Here's the way I figure it out—God had His first dispensation, and in the fullness of time Jesus came and that was the end of the first dispensation. It was the beginning of the second. Jesus the Redeemer came and people were saved. When his reign was over He ascended into heaven.

"We are now living in the dispensation of God the Holy Spirit. How does God speak to us? He speaks to us, according to the word, in a still, small voice. We must be ready to listen to the voice of the Holy spirit. We ought to have our hearts and minds open for the Holy Spirit. Our fate or our fortune depends upon our attitude toward God and Jesus Christ, and our readiness to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. You know well enough as a man thinketh so is he.

"We learn of God in two ways—through the Word and through nature. Surely 'the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork,' but the true knowledge we can receive of God is through the Word. Too many people are making a cafeteria of the Bible, taking out books here and there and throwing others aside.

"Some people think they are better than others just because they have had a college education, are college bred. I recently came across a good description of college bred and I pass it on to you:

"College bred means that they are the flower of the nation, their parents furnish the dough; they are always ready when needed and rise to the occasion. After a four year loaf they have developed quite a bit of crust and are college bred. So our future or our fortune does not depend upon our abilities physically, upon our attainments mentally, but depends entirely upon the attitude of our mind and heart. There are many who have not been to colleges, universities or high schools, but their hearts are beautiful in the sight of God. We can be educated without attending these higher schools.

"And so finally I emphasize again the training of the heart is the most important work in the world, and it is up to the church and Christian organizations to carry on the work."

After prolonged applause, and the (by this time) well known 'what do you think of that' by New York state Leaguers, Mr. Walter Banker, our president, was introduced. Mr. Banker read greetings from Dr. Knubel, president of the U. L. C. A., from Mrs. Kepner of the Women's Missionary Society, Rev. Ylvesaker of the Norwegian Young People's Luther League, Mrs. M. Haller Frey, of York Pa., the New York State League, and Mr. F. C. Leupold of Philadelphia. Mr. Banker also paid a very fine tribute to Mrs. Banker as a real partner who has been of great help to him in his League work.

Without introduction, without ostentation, Dr. M. J. Bieber, beloved by all Luther Leaguers, arose and made the following speech, much to the surprise of our good friend, Harry Hodges:

"The person pre-eminent at this convention is Jesus Christ, and the next to him is Harry Hodges. That is no disrespect to any of the other officers or any of the members of this convention. We have all, not only the ladies, but we have all learned to love Harry Hodges.

"If you will allow me, I will take Hodges right now and take him apart. I will cut him up into six pieces and show you the pieces."

"H stands for Harry. There may be many Hodges in this world, but there is only one Harry Hodges. When God made Harry Hodges he threw the mold away. There has never been anybody like him. Harry Hodges is pre-eminent among Luther Leaguers.

"O stands for 'order.' Harry Hodges comes fresh every day out of a bandbox.

There is not a wrinkle in his trousers, nor a crease anywhere, everything is in its place. I met him for the first time, that is I slept in his room for the first time, in Pittsburgh. He had ten trunks and three or four bandboxes. He had a new suit on every half day. But Harry Hodges is always immaculate.

"D stands for deeds, or for decade. Harry Hodges has been general secretary of the Luther League of America for one decade, but he was a member before that. You remember the Luther League movement began in New York City in 1888 in a German church, of which Dr. Moldenke was pastor. The Luther League of America began in 1895 in Pittsburgh. At this time they decided to meet every two years, and to meet the following year, so as to meet on the even number.

"So in 1896 we met in Chicago, 1898 in New York City, the tenth anniversary of the beginning of the movement.

"1900 in Cincinnati, 1902 in St. Paul, 1904 in Buffalo, 1906 in Canton, Ohio, 1908 in Chicago, 1910 was the fifteenth anniversary and we met again in Pittsburgh, 1912 in Albany, 1914 in Baltimore. In 1916 we met in Toledo, and at this convention your wonderful recording secretary, Mrs. Peterson, came upon the scene and we all fell in love with her. It was at this convention that Mr. Hodges became general secretary of the Luther League of America.

"In 1918 we met in Buffalo, in 1920 in Ft. Wayne, in 1922 in York, and in 1925 we are here in Milwaukee.

"Since we have become the official young people's organization of the United Lutheran Church we find it necessary to meet on the odd numbered year, because the U. L. C. meets on the even number.

"When Harry Hodges came into office we had no headquarters; today we have headquarters of at least two rooms. There was no certain membership; today we have a bonafide membership of about 32,000. There was little literature; today we have forty-five pieces of literature. There was a deficit; today the Luther League is solvent, and has money in the treasury. I could say many more things about Harry, but you can see he has been on the job! Thank God for Harry Hodges, and we all say Amen!

"G stands for God. Harry Hodges, I believe, from the day of his baptism has been standing for God. I met him in Philadelphia before he was an active Luther Leaguer. He was superintendent of a Sunday School there. Always for God, always for his church—always doing things for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. That was Harry Hodges.

"E stands for evening. Mr. E. August Miller, a former president of the Luther League of America, and Dr. Stoever, likewise a former president of the Luther League of America, during the last three years passed to their reward—the evening of life came to them. Harry Hodges is still a young man, but the evening of the secretaryship of the Luther League of America has come to Harry Hodges. He brought the evening himself, but the sun is going down on his office beautifully, there is not a cloud in the sky. Everything is beautiful, peaceful, harmonious as he lays down the office.

"The first general secretary, Dr. Kuhns, was the planter, Harry Hodges was the sower and the waterer, and the next general secretary under God will do mighty things. He will reap the fruits.

"But E also stands for each one of the 32,000 tonight, who if they knew Harry Hodges was laying down his office tonight would heave a sigh of regret. I believe there are tears in a number of eyes because Harry Hodges will no longer, as general secretary, go up and down the country. He will no longer be surrounded by a dozen or half dozen young ladies. He will no longer be the layman who will take the place of the minister and present the work of the League as only he could do.

"S stands for salute. We are here to salute Harry Hodges tonight for the last time as general secretary. Harry Hodges, we have learned to love you, to respect you; we bid you God-speed. You have our continued prayers, you have our well wishes. We feel that we are better because you have lived among us. The United Lutheran Church is a bigger church because you have done your work so well. The Luther League of America again salutes you and bids you God-speed. Now let me read this to you: (Here Dr. Bieber read from a beautiful little card): 'To Harry Hodges, whose services to the Luther League and through it to the United Lutheran Church in America cannot be repaid in this world, therefore our heartiest congratulations!' Something more is to follow—the best is yet to come!"

At this point Mr. Dittmer asked the very much surprised Harry Hodges to stand on a chair, handed him a plate, and slowly placed upon it twenty-five $20 gold pieces, and Dr. Bieber continued:

"Harry Hodges, we are not paying you, we can never repay you. God alone can do that. We simply hand you this because we love you! The gift of your friends in the United Lutheran Church."

If we had prolonged, spontaneous applause earlier in the evening, we now wit-

nessed such a demonstration of applause as is seldom heard, and it surely overshadowed anything that had gone on before. Each one was just trying to show "Our Harry" that indeed we do love him—and oh! how we hate to think of him as anything but our general secretary!

That Harry was surprised was evident, but he soon regained his composure and made this fitting response:

"I think on just two occasions in my life have I been flabbergasted, one about two years ago when I had rather an unpleasant Luther League experience, and on this occasion when I am having a very pleasant Luther League experience.

"On last Sunday as I rode out to Wauwatosa in the street car from Milwaukee I casually glanced at the advertisements above the windows, and this one attracted my attention, 'There are surprises coming.' That was prophetic. Mine has come.

"Most of my life, as you have heard from Dr. Bieber, I have been engaged in church work, more or less. This is the first time that I have received any tangible appreciation, and naturally I am feeling it very deeply, more than tongue can tell, more than pen will ever be able to write.

"It wasn't an easy thing to write that resignation into my report which I submitted to you yesterday, because I have learned to love the Luther League. I have given up a great deal for it, because I love it, because anything you love you are willing to give up anything for, but it was born in upon me that the time had come for me to resign the office of general secretary, and as I have always tried to do my duty as I see it, I wrote that resignation into the report with a great many pangs.

"The last ten years of the Luther League has been rather difficult climbing, but thank God we have reached the top and from now on we will march on a level.

"I am not a very emotional nor demonstrative person; I guess that's the reason I'm a bachelor, but I am feeling much more deeply this action of yours tonight than possibly appears on the surface. I do not know that I ever saw so much gold before, so I had to ask the treasurer how much it was. He said $500. You are all wondering what I am going to do with it. No! I am not going to get married! I think I shall put it into a fund, the income of which I shall add to my benevolence fund. It has ever been the goal of my life that I might be able to give 25 per cent of my income to benevolence. During the past year I reached 23 per cent. This is the first lap towards the 25 per cent.

"I a mdeeply grateful for this token of appreciation of yours. The other day I was in the home of a friend, and in her library, as I looked over the books on the shelves, I noticed one whose title read 'Sunny Recollections of Many Lands,' and as I took it down and looked it over, I found that one who had traveled the world over in a moment of reverie had sat him down and penned his pleasant experiences, which he was pleased to call 'Sunny Recollections.' When I step out from the official family of the Luther League of America, and in the days and the years that are to come when I shall think back upon my ten years of office as general secretary, I shall have many, many sunny recollections, but when I think back upon this occasion and this tribute of your appreciation, of your esteem, of your love, it shall be the sunniest of them all!"

A fitting climax to a wonderful evening of fellowship and inspiration. After the benediction by Dr. Kennerly and the singing of the Doxology we were to have had some "stunts," but time permitted only one stunt being put on, and that by the Wisconsin League. Some Leagues had gone to considerable trouble and expense to work up their stunts, but unfortunately were unable to exhibit them. They are keeping them until 1927!

The Junior Department

With the exception of the devotional period the entire sixth session was given over to the Junior work.

Mr. M. Haller Frey made the address "Christ First in the Junior Department," a portion of which follows:

"You are a part of a new conquest. Those of you who are familiar with the history of the middle ages will recall one of the crusades of that time, useless though it was, it was a crusade. But you are part of a new crusade, one that will be victorious. Organization is but a means to an end. The Junior department is the means, Jesus Christ is the end! It is up to us to consider the use of the means."

Mr. Frey here told of watching the progress of erecting a ten story building; all the preliminary work required before the actual building materialized. What a firm foundation was laid so that the superstructure would stand for many years to come. He continued:

"I believe in our Junior work we are playing that same part. We are laying a foundation for a superstructure. Organization is necessary if we are to erect a building worth while.

"If the work of the church in the future is to be developed it is necessary for us to lay the foundation, and that foundation must be laid by the boys and girls them-

selves whom you have in church at the present time. Prior to the beginning of the Junior work in the Luther League, I dare say, without fear of contradiction there was no program provided for the training of the boys and girls in the church. Today we have such a program.

"The Junior Department has a purpose in mind. We called your attention to some of the objectives and the developments in the Junior Department in the detailed reports given by the chairman and secretary of the department. The Junior Department has provided a comprehensive program and this will enable us to make real progress in the Junior Department."

The Junior Department is helping to support a Spaniard who is training for larger work in the church, and Mr. Frey read a very fine letter of appreciation from this gentleman. Mr. Frey continued:

"Some time ago I was talking to a pastor in my state; we were endeavoring to get the Junior work started in that section. He said, 'Don't you find it difficult to interest and get the young people together in organization?' I said, 'That's not our problem. Our problem is to get leaders.' Give us the leaders and we will get the young people. Senior leaguers, you give us the leaders and the boys and girls can be gotten. One of the requisties for leadership is that the leader should be a thoroughly consecrated Christian, one who can link up the boys and girls with God the Father. This is the first essential—the second is training. There was a young fellow who served in one of the Pennsylvania detachments in the late war, and took part in one of the battles on the Argonne. After the battle started all the officers had been killed or badly wounded, and one boy stepped out of the ranks and took charge, but they went too far—only ten came back unhurt. The thought is that the young fellow was willing to serve but he wasn't trained. The leaders had orders as to how far to go—the boy didn't. A leader must therefore be trained.

"It is easy for leaders to be trained in our work. We have a tremendous amount of literature to help in this, topics, etc. We have headquarters that we can go to to receive helpful information. Leaders, use what has been provided to link the child with God. Leadership is hard work and if you don't like to work hard you'd better not try to be a leader. But it is a work that is worth while.

"We must take the boys and girls and train them to be leaders. The boys and girls of the church furnish us with a wonderful opportunity for a world vision, and thereby carrying the message to the entire ends of the earth. If the proper foundation is laid, the superstructure will be worth while. Let us take time to map out our programs and build a superstructure on a firm foundation that will link the boys and girls, first to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and our God, and then to the whole of our own beloved church.

"Some times you get discouraged. We all get discouraged. I like to think of this in connection with the work of the church and the work of the boys and girls. Some time ago I stood on the beach in New Jersey, and a friend said that the tide would rise at that point soon. I didn't see a massive rush of waves come in. The waves just came in and went out, but every time they came in, they came in just a little farther, and before the waves came to the point where I was standing the water rose higher and higher. It is that way with our work. Let us remember that some times it seems as if we are not accomplishing anything, but remember every time the wave came in it came in a little farther, and that is the way our work grows. Though we cannot see the progress we are making, yet we are making progress. Luther Leaguers, here is a challenging task, a job worth while! What do you have? Ability? Give it! Education, knowledge? Use it! Life? Consecrate it!"

A very interesting Junior demonstration followed this talk, given by the Juniors of the Church of the Redeemer. Their program consisted of the following numbers:

Junior Demonstration

The Juniors themselves then took charge of the program, and in an hour's demonstration showed the work of the Junior League—rendering the following:

Hymn—Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead us.

Scripture Lesson—Christ in the Temple, read by Mildred Striepling, of St. Matthew's Junior League, Wauwatosa.

Prayer—Rev. J. S. Albert.

Demonstration—The Junior League Reading Course, 6 Juniors in costume from Redeemer Evangelical, Milwaukee.

Exercise—Luther's Coat of Arms, St. Matthew's Junior League, Wauwatosa.

Address—What the Junior League Does for Me, Master Robert Stauft, President St. Matthew's Junior League.

Exercise—The Church Seasons, Redeemer Evangelical Junior League, Milwaukee.

Presentation of checks of Junior Objective Fund by three Juniors to representatives of Boards.

Luther League Rally Hymn.

Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, our "Junior Specialist," in her usual efficient manner, laid out Junior plans and methods:

The Value of Little Things.—Five- and ten-cent stores wonderful—so much can be bought for so little. The tallest building in the world was built from the proceeds of five- and ten-cent sales. Another from the sale of chewing gum. A postage stamp is a small thing—yet it carries a message around the world.

So in Church work. Junior League work is a work with the little folks, but a big work. Infinite possibilities lie therein. We have now 200 Junior Leagues with 6,700 members. There are 800 Senior Leagues. If each had a Junior League there would be 25,000 children in training. Let us utilize these L-I-T-T-L-E opportunities.

What is the Junior League?—The children up to 12 years organized and trained for the Senior League. They are there taught the things of the church.

A Junior League organized last November held a closing program for the parents in June when they reviewed their year's work. The following notes which the little Junior President read in conducting the meeting shows what they accomplished and answers well the question—What is the Junior League?

"Meeting will come to order. One verse Rally Hymn. Prayer by Juniors. Roll call by Secretary. Reading of minutes. Treasurer's report. Unfinished business. Planning for Junior Rally in fall. New business—committee appointed to secure Junior Reading Course. One verse "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Junior League motto repeated—"I must be about my Father's business." Thanksgiving—paper on Thankfulness read by Junior. One verse "America." Bible verses on Thankfulness—Psalm 95:2, Eph. 5:20 repeated. Sentence prayer on thankfulness. Luther—story told of Luther and his home. Violin solo. Luther Psalm read by Junior. Christmas—one verse of "Silent Night." Christmas tory told by Superintendent. Report of class on "Chinese Lanterns." Picture lesson, "Christ Blessing Little Children." Story of picture—"The Good Shepherd" told by Junior. Two verses of "The Lord My Shepherd Is?" Easter—Easter message repeated, "He is Risen—Go—tell." One verse, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." One verse, "Greenland's Icy Mountains." One Junior will tell us what we learned of Africa. Another of India. Another of China. Another of Japan. Luther—12 girls will give the exercise "Luther's Coat of Arms." Remarks from Superintendent. Remarks from Senior League President. Remarks from Pastor. Prayer. Lord's Prayer. Chairs pushed back. Games, eats."

How Organize the Children?—Call them together and explain work. Begin with devotional meeting. Use Topics. Appoint officers—Junior President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. Have Committees, program, decorating, missionary, social. If group is large, divide into "teams" or units of ten and have contests between groups. Appoint Educational, Missionary and Life Service Secretaries. Take children to conventions and rallies.

What to use in Junior League?—The Junior Topics—found in LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. The Junior Program Packet—a series of leaflets to use in the meeting—the new packet for July to December now ready, forty cents. The Junior Reading Course, six books for circulation among the Juniors. Bible work—memorizing, Bible stories, drills, dramatizations. Prayer, urging of church attendance. Missions—missionary program once a month, missionary offerings, study classes each year, 1925, "Chinese Lanterns" and "Better Americans, Number Two," 1926, "Brave Adventurers," and "Better Americans, Number Three." Pictures. Stories. Sand Table. Hand Work. Study of Luther—class on "Martin of Mansfeld." The church—history, practices. Home Made Posters. (Sister Pearle Lyerly, of Advent, New York City at this point displayed a half dozen charts used to advantage with her Junior League.)

(The Junior Secretary at this point also called attention to the display of posters for Junior Leagues, the Junior literature, and the exhibit of work sent by Junior Leagues from all parts of the country in the Parish House.)

What to do.—Plan to organize in *your* church. Send for literature. Get the programs. Organize the Juniors. Register with the Luther League of America when you have organized.

Ambulance or Fence?—A steep embankment on outskirts of a city was a constant menace. Some wanted to buy an ambulance to carry to the hospital those who fell over. One more wise had a fence built at top of embankment.

Some Senior Leagues have trouble in getting their young people to pray, to lead, to discuss the Topic. They try persuasion, coaxing. What is needed is preventive and preparedness measures—a strong corps of Juniors—and Intermediates—in training, coming along to adequately take up the responsibilities of Senior Leagueship.

The future of the Luther League depends on how we train the children. What the League of 1930 will be is what we are making it today.

Will your League be an ambulance or a fence?

THE SEVENTH SESSION

After the usual devotional service in charge of the Convention Chaplain, the time was spent in discussing the business of the League.

Mr. John Greiner gave a complete report of the Sustaining Membership Fund which indicated that we have a total of 692 sustaining members, who contributed in two and one-half years the sum of $10,874.46.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in their report, and it was decided to consider same seriatim. After an addition had been made to the report, it was adopted as a whole as follows:

1. That we recognize the abundant mercy and blessing of Almighty God toward us during the past triennium and that we express our heartfelt thanks to Him by a rising vote and a moment of silent prayer.

2. That it is with sincere regret we are compelled to record upon the minutes of our organization, the passing into life of two of our past presidents, Dr. W. C. Stoever and E. Augustus Miller, Esq., during the triennium, and that the convention stand for a few minutes in silent prayer, in thanks and gratitude to Almighty God for the influence of their devotion and work in the great cause of the Luther League.

3. We heartily commend the officers, the departmental secretaries and the various committees for the splendid, self-sacrificing work they have done in their various departments, and thus enabled the Luther League of America to render a real service to the church. We recommend that this resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

4. It is with deep regret that we learn of the resignation and retirement of Mr. Harry Hodges as our General Secretary, after ten years of untiring service in that office. We recognize the fact that through his efforts our organization has been brought to a higher standard than ever before, and that by his retirement we lose a very faithful and efficient officer. We would recommend that at the expiration of his term of office he be elected to Honorary Membership in the Luther League of America.

5. It is with a feeling of deep regret that we note the retirement of two pioneers of the Luther League from our Executive Committee, viz.: Dr. E. F. Eilert and the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D.D. In view of their exceptionally long and faithful services, we would recommend that they be elected to Honorary Membership.

6. We would recommend that the Executive Committee be given authority to establish regions comprising contiguous state and synodical bodies for the purpose of promoting the best interests of the Luther League of America.

7. We note with satisfaction the growth

and activities of the Educational Department, especially in the increase of suitable literature it has provided. We would recommend:

a. That a special campaign for 2,500 new subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW be made by November 1, 1925.

b. That it establish a national standard of excellence for state and synodical leagues.

c. In view of the fact that many of our young people are attending non-Lutheran schools, we would further recommend that this department stress our Lutheran institutions of learning.

8. "The church that is not missionary is a dying church." This is a well known fact. Your committee is of the conviction that the time is ripe for the Luther League of America to have a Missionary Objective. It therefore recommends:

That the Luther League of America assume as its missionary objective for the coming biennium the erection of the Administration Building of Andhra College, India, at a cost of $25,000.00, the details of collecting the funds to be referred to the Finance Committee.

9. That we commend the splendid work of European Relief of the National Lutheran Council to our Leagues for their prayers and their most generous support.

10. Inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church at its biennial convention in Chicago, Ill., October 23, 1924, passed the following resolution:

"The Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church reaffirms its approval of the constructive care and training being given the children of the Bible Lands who were orphaned by war and deportation.

"With food, clothing and shelter they are also receiving training of hand, head and heart to prepare them for self-support, citizenship and leadership.

"Our pastors and other officials are encouraged to continue their co-operation with Near East Relief in its plans for the support of its work."

Your committee would therefore offer the following action:

Whereas, The last convention of the Luther League asked League members to pray and give funds for the relief of the Christians who were being driven from their ancestral homes in Asia Minor, and

Whereas, More than 35,000 children orphaned by the war and deportation are being supported by Near East Relief and trained for self-support at the age of fifteen or sixteen, and for leadership in reconstruction in the coming generation,

Resolved, That we request the continuing prayers and co-operation on the part of Leagues with Near East Relief in its plans for support including the plans for young people's societies, viz.: the observance of Golden Rule Sunday.

11. We commend the efforts of the Life Service Department and the methods employed in bringing this important work to the attention of our membership. We would therefore recommend:

(a) That the Life Service Department be empowered to call a Life Service Institute for leaders at such time and place as in its judgment and the judgment of the Executive Committee would be productive of the most good.

(b) That we would favorably recommend to the Executive Committee for their consideration the advisability and feasibility of calling a full time Life Service Secretary.

12. That we rejoice in the splendid financial condition of the Luther League of America brought about by the almost heroic efforts of the Finance Committee and Sustaining Membership. Especially would we commend the "Sustaining Membership" plan, whereby over $10,500 has been raised during the last two and a half years. We would recommend:

(a) That the sustaining membership be continued during the coming biennium.

(b) That this report be printed for distribution and a summary be published in *The Lutheran.*

13. That we commend the splendid work done by both the Junior and the Intermediate Departments, the substantial growth shown and the many valuable helps provided. We would commend the work of these departments to the favorable consideration of all of our Luther Leagues.

14. We would recommend that all our Leagues be urged to send items of news to the Editor of the Young People's Page in *The Lutheran,* the Rev. Dr. H. C. Roehner of Mansfield, Ohio, and the News Department of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

15. In view of the unrest in the entire world, political, intellectual, social and religious, the Luther League of America in convention assembled affirms its belief that the only solution of the many ills is our convention theme: "Christ First."

16. We would recommend that this convention extend a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for the splendid hospitality shown by the pastor, the Luther League and members of the Church of the Redeemer, the Wisconsin Luther League, the organist of this convention, the Lutherans of Milwaukee, the public press, and to all who have in any way contributed to the

success of this convention and the comfort of its delegates.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. W. FUHR, Chairman.
VIVIAN CRONK.
BEULAH LYERLY.
REV. J. S. ALBERT.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT.
H. D. SHIMER.

The Rev. John F. Fedders, who was responsible for the goodly amount of publicity we received in the four daily papers in Milwaukee, next made his report on publicity as follows:

Your Committee on Publicity begs leave to submit the following report:

Advance publicity has been given to the local newspapers and to *The Lutheran*, our official church paper. Five hundred copies of "Milwaukee—a Bright Spot" were supplied by the Association of Commerce and distributed to all delegates and visitors present.

Articles and summaries were prepared for the city press. The large dailies have given special interviews and have printed photos of a number of convention officers and speakers. The greetings of the convention were flashed by radio to all parts of the United States and Canada, over Station WSOE.

We deeply appreciate the generosity of the Metropolitan press, and ask that a suitable resolution be adopted by this convention.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN F. FEDDERS.

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Another innovation which was enthusiastically received was the publication of a daily convention bulletin, known as "The Milwaukee Melon," carrying the slogan, "Juicy but Judicious," edited by Mr. R. K. Lampe of Iowa, Mr. Herbert Fischer of Omaha, and Mrs. S. T. Peterson of Chicago —briefly the editors were known as Reube, Herb and Min. Copies were sold at 5 cents each and the financial report of the paper showed a profit of $2.15, which was turned into the national treasury. This report was also received with a rising vote of thanks.

Greetings were read from the Luther League of Unity Church, Chicago; the Nebraska Synod, and the Maryland Synod League, as well as the Lancaster District.

Dr. Roehner spoke briefly about the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW subscription campaign, passed out envelopes and asked for subscriptions at this time. A number were handed in and it is to be hoped that many more will be mailed in.

Invitations for the next convention were asked for. Omaha, Nebraska, extended an invitation. This was referred to the executive committee.

The credentials committee reported a total of 223 delegates and 44 visitors from the following states:

Report of Credential Committee

	Local	District	State	Total
Columbia District			1	1
Connecticut			1	1
Florida	2	1	1	3
Illinois	23	3	6	32
Indiana	2		7	9
Iowa	3		4	7
Kansas	1			1
Maryland Synod	3	4	2	9
Michigan	2	3		5
Minnesota	5	3	8	16
Nebraska	2		6	8
New Jersey			1	1
New York	6	3	9	18
North Carolina	3	3	7	13
North Dakota	1			1
Ohio	4	4	2	10
Pacific Northwest				
Pennsylvania	10	14	7	31
South Carolina			7	7
Virginia	2	2	4	8
Wisconsin	22	3	7	32
International Delegates	3			3
Delegates at Large	7			7
Visitors	44			44
Totals	145	43	79	267

Total No. Registered Delegates	213
Visitors	44
Delegates at large	10
Virgin Islands	1
Total	268

Respectfully submitted,
IRENE C. SCHAEFER,
Chairman.

It was moved and carried that this report be received.

Mr. Claude Markoe, the representative from the Virgin Islands, brought the greetings of the Luther League on these Islands, and was asked in turn to carry back with him the greetings of the Luther League of America.

The nominating committee read the following list of nominees:

President: Mr. Walter Banker, Pennsylvania.

First Vice-President: Mr. Earl Kochheiser, Ohio.

Second Vice-President: Miss Rosa Sox, North Carolina.

Treasurer: Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, New York.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. S. T. Peterson, Illinois.

Members of the executive committee:

The Rev. F. W. Otterbein, Illinois.
Mr. John Greiner, Pennsylvania.
Mr. Harry Hodges, Pennsylvania.
Mr. Herbert Fischer, Nebraska.

Motion made that this report be received and considered item by item.

This was done with the result that there were no nominations from the floor for any

office, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot electing these nominees to office.

The minutes of this meeting were then read and approved as read.

After closing announcements we were dismissed by Dr. Bieber.

Sightseeing buses had been secured by the Milwaukee folks and delegates were taken on a sight seeing tour of the city. Needless to say this was thoroughly enjoyed by every one.

THE LAST SESSION

The last session was held on Thursday evening, July 9. Vespers were used.

Dr. Simon Peter Long of Chicago brought the message for the evening, in his characteristic style. A portion of his speech follows:

"I have come to talk about some very simple things. My subject is, 'Going Forward with Christ.' I am thinking first of all of the wonderful blessings of the little red school house. The older I grow, and the more I look into the educational systems of the present day, the prouder I am of the little country school house. It didn't cost a great deal to build it. There were no graded systems, as far as I remember, but we did have the advantage in that little school house of hearing the teacher teach every class, and every one moved along as fast as they could. Some of course never moved along. We heard every lesson taught, and we never forgot the lessons we learned, because we heard them over and over again. By the time we got through we could do three things. We could read, and we did learn to write, and we learned a little geography. We also learned a little arithmetic. Most of the great mathematicians I find were raised in country schools.

"You have been talking a good deal about first things in the last few days, and about Christ First, and tonight you are talking about going all the way with Him. And do you know what it means to go all the way? It means you might have to leave father and mother, brother and sister—yes, it costs something to follow Him!

"You may theoretically sit down and talk about going with Christ all the way, but you had better use your mathematics and figure the cost and see whether you are willing to go with Him all the way or not.

"We love our lives, and God wants us to love our lives. He doesn't want us to look on life as something cheap. The Fifth Commandment says that no man shall take another man's life. You can talk all you want to about war being right, but war is a nation committing murder. And God meant that life should be so valuable that no man should take it. It is not only a privilege but a duty for a man to try to keep well and live as long as he can, and serve God until the day he dies.

"We should love our lives, our relatives, our friends, our possessions. Do not misunderstand the Lord Jesus when he says that you should give up all you have to follow Him. I cannot imagine that God made anything that wasn't valuable. Who made the gold? God made it. Who made the silver? God made it. Who made the air and the water? God made it. What are the streets of heaven? Revelations tells us 'of gold.' Do not think that God doesn't know the value of possession. Why did God lay down in His commandment that you should not covet your neighbor's house if he didn't want you to have a house and appreciate it?

"Now if we must forsake all to follow Him, have you figured what it cost Him to redeem us? He not only gave up His Father that day on the cross, but He gave up His life. And when they took Him off the cross He was so poor He did not even have a grave of His own!

"My friends, we must come to Him before we can go with Him. When we do come to Him we have got to stay with Him. Are you willing to live the kind of a Christian life that will make the ungodly world condemn you innocently? We have too many young Lutherans in this country who by their daily lives and their conduct would never in all the world lead a soul to Jesus Christ. We are watched from every side. We are watched in everything. People are constantly watching our conduct. But if we are not willing to bear the sneers of the ungodly world and stay with Jesus, we cannot be His disciples.

"I want to give you a little prayer that is the growth of many years of experience. It runs like this: 'Lord, give me a faith that will not waver.' Is yours wavering today? Lord, give me a faith that will not whine, nor wrangle, one that will watch and wait, and work. A faith that will wrestle and win!"

Dr. Long at this point told us how, through faith, the money had been raised to pay off the last remaining debt on the Chicago Lutheran Bible School. We might say as a matter of information to our readers that Dr. Long was largely responsible for the purchase and paying off of the fine set of buildings that comprise this Bible School. His implicit faith in the project worked wonders. Dr. Long continued:

"If you are going with Christ all the way you want to do more than win! If I had my way there wouldn't be another yard of crepe sold to be used at funerals. If we Christians could actually live the Christian

life, if we could realize the great things that God has in store for us, we wouldn't worry because we are 50, 60 or 70 years old. The happiest day of my life is yet to come. The day when the world will say, 'Simon Peter Long is dead,' but I will go to heaven and say, 'I live!'

"A faith that will watch, a faith that will warble. In other words, let us sing to the praise of God all of our lives. I don't claim to be a singer, but I have learned a hymn that I sing very often, 'Have Thine Own Way, Lord.' "

Dr. Long concluded his remarkable talk by singing the various verses of this song as he had evolved them from time to time, to fit various moods and occasions.

The pageant, "The Reply of Youth," was presented by members of the local Luther League.

The newly elected officers were installed at a very impressive installation service, in charge of the Rev. A. J. Traver.

Mr. Harry Hodges introduced to the convention the Rev. Mr. Traver as the man chosen by the executive committee to succeed him (Mr. Hodges), and the Rev. Mr. Traver responded, thanking us for the honor conferred and stating that he could not finally accept until he had taken the matter up with his congregation.

The sixteenth convention came to a close with prayer and the benediction by Dr. Bieber.

We heard many fine talks during our stay in Milwaukee—much food for thought, and if each delegate carried away some of these good things there is no question but what our local leagues will become bigger and better for service in the Master's Kingdom in the next biennium, when by the grace of God we will meet again.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MILWAUKEE

How to Organize a Luther League

The method of organizing a Luther League is simple enough. The smallest church, as well as the most resourceful and more numerous membership of the great city church, can start a society and keep it going.

Usually the pastor will take the first step. The need of it may occur to him before it occurs to anyone else. Perhaps he will be confident that an organization can be effected when other people are less sanguine.

If the pastor does not take the initiative and the conviction has come to a group of young people that it is time to organize, the pastor should by all means be consulted before definite or organized action is taken.

Then get information. Take no steps in the dark. The office of the LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA stands ready to furnish help. Its address is 707 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia. All its resources are at the service of those who need them.

Send to that office for the necessary literature. Most of it is free. Subscribe for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, the official organ of that society.

The pastor should by all means be enlisted in the new movement. He will talk it up both in the pulpit and out of it. He is to be recognized officially as the leader of the work. He will be from the outset the League's cordial and resourceful friend.

Appoint an evening for considering "to organize or not to organize," when the business in hand will be certain to have complete right of way. Advertise widely and persistently. Make a personal canvass of the young people who should be present. Provide some simple feature which will help to dissipate any feeling of strangeness and put everybody on an equality.

Before the day of the meeting those who are the most interested in it must take themselves in prayer. The Luther League is committed to implicit faith in prayer. If a new League cannot be begun in the prayerful spirit and with definite dependence on God, better not begin it at all.

At this preliminary meeting after the devotional exercises some one will explain the purpose of the gathering. Often one of the officers of the District League can be secured to come and talk of the spirit, purpose and plan of the organization. By the time this speech is over the question will be, "Shall we organize a Luther League?" It is presumed that all will answer "yes." But do not limit discussion. Hold it to the question, but let everybody be free to say his say.

With the literature received from Luther League office there will be a copy of a Constitution for Luther Leagues. This should be pasted on a large sheet of paper, and after the vote to organize has been taken all who will may sign the document. Distribute additional copies of the Constitution, so that all those who have joined may study the details of the organization at their leisure.

The question of by-laws should be left to a committee instructed to report at the next meeting. Another committee should be appointed to make nominations for the League's first officers. Then the meeting may be adjourned for a week.

At the adjourned meeting, let the report of the Committee on By-Laws and that on Nominations be heard, discussed and adopted. Then the League is ready for definite and aggressive work.

LUTHER LEAGUE GOALS
as suggested by
THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA

General

1. The holding of weekly devotional meetings at which the *Luther League Topics* are used.
2. The holding of regular monthly business meetings (exclusive of summer months).
3. The holding of monthly socials (exclusive of summer and Lent).
4. A net increase of members in good standing of 10 per cent.
5. One joint meeting during the year with the Junior and Intermediate Leagues or with the young people of the Sunday School or the Confirmation class.
6. At least one regular delegate at the state convention.
7. At least one regular delegate at the district convention (where districts exist).
8. Dues paid monthly to the higher bodies.
9. A new League organized and assisted in organizing (Junior, Intermediate or Senior).

Education

10. 100 per cent of the members daily reading the Bible.
11. 100 per cent of the members regular church attendants. Luke 4:16 (absence due to sickness or other legitimate reasons taken into consideration).
12. 20 per cent of the members reading the Reading Course and 10 per cent completing five of the books.
13. 50 per cent of the homes represented in the League receiving the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.
14. 25 per cent of the homes represented in the League receiving the *Lutheran*.

Missions

15. Some definite work done for two of the three following causes: Inner, Home, Foreign Missions.
16. Mission Study Group organized and 50 per cent of members attending.

Life Service

17. At least one yearly meeting held at which the causes of the ministry, the diaconate and the mission field are presented.
18. Part time worker for church in training.
19. Full time worker for church in training.
20. Annual Life Service Day as outlined by the Luther League of America observed.

Intermediate Department

"AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN"

INTERMEDIATE LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE

Torch-Bearers in China—Matthews	$ .75
Land of All Nations—Seebach	.75
What Shall I Do With My Life?—Donnelly	1.50
Little Journeys in His Kingdom—Wendall	.50
The Master—Johnston	1.25
The Eagle of the Wilderness—Seebach	1.00

What are your plans for the boys and girls of teen age in your congregation, as you resume activities for the fall and winter? Will there be an Intermediate League where they may give vent to some of that surplus energy with which they abound, where they may be held in the church, where they may be trained for the Senior League?

The value of Intermediate work was very clearly demonstrated at the Milwaukee convention. The Rev. Ralph Heim in his address clearly showed us the need of work with these "Young Crusaders" as he styled them. Sister Pearle and the Rev. Swank respectively pictured to us the girl and the boy and our call to serve them. The Rev. Mr. Teufel demonstrated Methods and Plans through the Topics, Reading Course and Intermediate Merit System. Read the reports in this issue; also the Intermediate Chairman and Secretary's reports.

Leaguers, will you accept the challenge, and now—this fall—as you plan your work, organize these Intermediates into Boys' Leagues, Girls' Leagues, and conserve one of the greatest forces we have in our Church?

Start at once. Plan your work. Write to the office for literature. Examine it. Talk Intermediate League with the boys and girls. Call a meeting. Appoint officers and committees.

Begin at once with devotional meetings. Use the Intermediate Topics. Make the prime object of the organization the development of spiritual life.

Gradually develop this by our four-fold plan, the Merit System. Introduce this as soon as possible.

Give the Intermediates something to do. Let them do the work. But plan the work for them. Plan a program now for the season. Arrange for the devotional meetings first. Then you might plan a "Luther League Pep Social" as suggested on the social page for September. A Hallowe'en Party in October, the packing of Thanksgiving baskets, and collecting of gifts for some orphanage or settlement at Christmas will occupy the time until Christmas.

Keep the boys and girls busy—have work for them to do and you will hold them.

The best way to start is—to start. Will you begin an Intermediate League in your Church?

POSTERS

Develop a poster for each department of our Intermediate work.

Take the Devotional Department first. On a large sheet of cardboard—preferably of some bright color—print in the center, *"Our Devotional Department."* In the center of the card list some of the items of this department, church attendance, Bible reading, participation in devotional meetings, prayer, etc., which you will glean from the Merit System. Around the sides of the chart put pictures which illustrate these items, which can be cut from magazines. Should these not be available get pictures of boys and girls of Intermediate age from fashion magazines, and group these together, printing the item under each group.

Let the Intermediates help to collect these pictures, and make the charts. It will awaken their interest in the Merit System, and acquaint them with the items of the same.

Do the same with the other three departments—physical, educational, social—and you will have an effective and easily made series of charts for your room.

October 4, 1925

HOW CAN OUR SOCIETY HELP OTHER INTERMEDIATES?

(Rally Day)

John 13:34-35; Rom. 15:1-2

By Sister Pearl Lyerly

Make use of the following method when this meeting is announced in your Sunday School:

A Telephone Conversation. Use toy telephones. Girls should stand on either side of platform. Give number; ring; answer. Let girls make up their conversation, but see that one convinces the other to take the time to be her guest for the League meeting. Tell of the vacant chair and some of the friends who have promised to attend. Name boys and girls who are present in Sunday School. Make conversation short and interesting.

A Vacant Chair. At a previous meeting arrange the chairs so that there will be a vacant one for every member present. If you are familiar enough with the friends of the Leaguers you may write the names and place them on the vacant chairs so that each may see who he is expected to bring for the next meeting. If any of the members fail to bring a friend they must take their places by the vacant chairs.

PROGRAM

Suggested Hymns and Songs.

"God Make My Life a Little Light."
"He Leadeth Me."
"Follow the Gleam."
"Take My Life and Let It Be."
"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."
Scripture reading.
Prayer.
Poem, "Others," to be recited by a member.
The Conversation.
Hymn.
Collection.
Closing exercises.

THE CONVERSATION

Mary (one of the most conscientious members)—My! but I do feel useless tonight. I have tried many times to be of help to the boys and girls my age. Some are very queer. Very few seem to understand.

John (also a faithful member)—What do you mean, Mary? I know you have been of help to many in the League. Many times you have spoken words of encouragement and helped me over the dangerous places.

Paul (a new friend, not yet a member)—Why should you worry about the other fellow? I believe in looking out for myself.

Ruth (not a member)—And so do I. Why should we carry the burdens of others? One is enough!

Mary—No! that is not the way I feel. Just wait a few weeks Ruth. After you have become acquainted with our great work in the League you will understand.

John—And you too, Paul. Many times I have been given strength to meet the great temptations which come to every boy my age. The other day I was on an errand for mother. Frank, a boy across the street, went along. Well! he is not a Church member, and has not learned about Christ's teachings. So he said, "John, see those big apples there? Watch me get one." He picked one up and put it in his pocket. It was not hard for me to leave the apples there because that Bible verse which we used in the sharpshooting drill came to my mind, "Thou shalt not steal."

Mary—John, did you give that which was such a help to you to your friend?

John—No, Mary, I didn't (deep thinking). Now I see where I failed because I kept the great teaching to myself. Never before have I thought of my duty to Christ and my friend in that way.

Ruth—Tell me, do you learn how to overcome temptations in Intermediate League? I have been very selfish to mother, sisters and friends. At times I feel all alone in this big cold world.

John—Open your Bible to II Cor. 9:6-9, and hear what Jesus has to say.

Ruth—Reads Scripture passage II Cor. 9:6-9.

Mary—Another passage which gives me so much joy is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

John—Suppose we ask the other members to tell how the League has helped them.

1. It has helped me to be of service to my Saviour by taking cheer to those less fortunate than myself.

2. It has helped me to see God living in all the boys and girls. At times they are very indifferent, selfish and bold, but this thought always comes to me when I start to judge them, "They are God's children." That makes my heart fill up with love for them.

3. It has helped me to fight the battle against untruthfulness. That is my greatest failure. With the superintendent's prayers for me I am sure God will help me win for truth.

4. I have been helped in making life's great decision by reading the 1925 Reading Course Books. "What Shall I Do With My Life" has caused me to place a very high value upon my life, and the place of investment.

5. My prayer life has been strengthened. In the League I learned to speak to my Heavenly Father—"So now we talk together, my Lord and I."

6. The great field of Foreign Missions has been brought to our very door. Now I know the command, "Go ye into all the world," was given for me. I am obeying my Lord because my prayers and gifts go with the missionaries to all parts of the world. The League has given me a *world wide* vision of the possibilities of letting my light shine in the uttermost parts of the earth.

Paul—My ears were closed to the call of

the Intermediate League because I thought it was for money and fun. Now my eyes are open to the great opportunities and my duty to my God.

Ruth—May we join this League and become possessors of the great truths you have revealed unto us?

Mary—We shall be very happy to enroll you as members of this organization.

Paul and Ruth—We thank you for the invitation. We will learn to pray for our friends who fail to see Christ's truths and work hard so that they may become workers together with God.

Mary—Let us pray: (Thank God for this meeting. Ask God's blessing upon all present. Also that He may direct each one so that he or she may lead many others to see Christ in their friends).

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October 11, 1925

IS IT EVER RIGHT TO LIE AND CHEAT IN SCHOOL?

Acts 5:1-11
By Mrs. Paul Shroads

SUGGESTIONS

Poster: Mount a picture of a school room. Below write, "Is it right to cheat?" and the time of the meeting.

The week before this topic give out slips of paper and have the following questions answered during the meeting:

"Is it right to cheat in school? Why?"

"Have the best ones read during this meeting."

Answer roll call by a Proverb that concerns lying or cheating.

Memorize Matt. 7:12.

Bible sharpshooting based on the Topic.

Hymns as, "Lord Jesus Point Thou Out the Way;" "Jesus When a Little Child."

Psalm 119, Part II.

"Is it right to lie or cheat in school?"

The above question was asked of fifteen Intermediates and each one said, "No." But to the question, Why?" there were almost fifteen different answers given. Fifteen reasons why cheating is wrong! What a condemnation of lying and cheating!

What are some of the principal reasons that lying and cheating are wrong?

1. It isn't playing fair. At a football game what does the crowd think of the team which attempts to cheat? There is only one sentence that describes them and that is "They are poor sports." What is worse in work or play than a "poor sport."

The idea of fair play carries over into our school work. When we get our works by cheating or when we get out of some school prank at the expense of others we are not playing fair.

2. We are cheating ourselves. Oh yes, perhaps we have "pulled a good one on Miss Jones," or someone else is in trouble because we didn't choose to admit our own guilt, but in the end who is hurt the most? Ourselves. How?

For one thing we are forever facing the fear of being caught, then we know our punishment will be greater. Then we ourselves know we cheated and cannot forget it. We may try but it is useless.

All of us at one time or another have experienced a feeling of discouragement when we saw a school mate get a better grade because he has cheated. But if we can conquer this feeling and know that our own conscience is clear we will see the uselessness of cheating and be able to enjoy merits which have been earned honestly.

3. Cheating and lying are sinful. How do we know they are? The Bible in many different ways gives us God's opinion of the cheater. One is our Scripture lesson for the day. What a terrible punishment was given to Ananias and Sapphira because they lied about a few dollars.

Of course we do not receive such terrible punishments when we cheat or lie, but that does not mean that it is any the less sinful.

Test time in the minds of many seems to mean cheat time. Not only copying but asking others for help is cheating. The desire of each one of us should be not to pass a given test, but to be able to use the knowledge gained in school in everyday life. Will you be able to "borrow" knowledge after your school days are over?

The two great rules for school life are Matt. 7:12 and "Play Fair." If we keep these in mind always we will need no other guard against cheating and lying. Let's make it a "Play Fair League."

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October 18, 1925

HOW CAN INTERMEDIATES HELP TO ENFORCE LAW?

Rom. 13:1-8
The Rev. M. R. Gortner

There is much talk these days regarding a more strict enforcement of the laws of State and Nation. And, surely, as we look about us and see the Sabbath desecrated and bootleggers waxing rich through their traffic in illicit liquors, we are brought to the realization of the urgent need that something be done. And we become critical. We criticise everyone in authority from the governor on down to the small-town constable. This may be well deserved in many instances, but rarely do we consider that if the laws of our land are to be enforced, it requires not merely the activity of a few officials, but the cooperation of the citizenry and the future citizenry, which includes the boys and girls of today.

You may ask: "What can boys and girls do to help enforce the laws?" At first

thought there seems no good answer to that question, but let us consider the matter a while. Jesus, in performing a great miracle, had use for a boy and indeed the lives of boys and girls who did things occupy many pages in the Bible. Boys and girls have done much to help shape the destinies of peoples and nations, and the achievements of youth make resplendent the annals of history. Yes, there is much good that each boy and each girl can do, and keeping in mind our topic for discussion, let us say, "Each boy and each girl can do much good toward enforcing the law."

But how? First, by showing respect for authority. This begins at home, in treating with respect our parents. Then, it continues in the schoolroom, in being respectful to our teachers. Then, in respecting the officers in our community. We ought not to fear them, but to honor them, for they stand for law and order. The text used as a basis for this topic teaches us, "Render, therefore, to all their dues."

The second way in which Intermediates can help enforce the law is "To show a consideration for the rights of others." The lack of such consideration is often the cause of law breaking. In the early days of the fight for prohibition, there were those who made much ado about their personal liberty being interfered with. They forgot that "personal liberty ends where injury to neighbors begins." Sometimes boys and girls are thoughtless and they do things which may furnish them with a little fun, but which bring discomfort to others. Some think it is a little prank to throw a ball through a window, or to shoot off firecrackers at night when aged people are trying to get needed rest, but they should know that in so doing they are showing disregard for the rights of others that breeds a disregard for all law.

Another way: "Have a passion for good things." Among the ancient Greeks there was a certain class of people who constantly were seeking after what they called the "Highest Good." Boys and girls and everyone can learn a lesson here. We all should seek the best things and be satisfied with nothing less. The best in government is obedience to law. We are aiming at right ends when we hold ourselves subject to right government and do what we can to uphold its power.

Still another way is bound up in one little word, "Love." Let us think of love in terms of circles. The first circle we will designate as self-love. Then one a little larger we will name family-love. The third circle stands for love of friends. And the next one, still larger, we will let represent patriotism of love for the country in which we live. There are two other circles we might name, love of all people in the world as our brothers and sisters, and lastly, the love of God for us. But it is with the fourth circle of love that we here are concerned, the love of country. Where there is that love of country in the purest sense there will also be a desire to obey the laws and encourage others to see the way of good citizenship.

The question, "How Can Intermediates Help to Enforce the Law?" is answered thus in four ways—*respect for authority, consideration of the rights of others, a passion for good things, a fervent love of country.* Other answers could be given, but let us take these four and hold them before us as worthy of adoption. To do this will help us to be better citizens of a great nation and to live more as in the teaching of Romans 13:1-8.

PRESENTATION OF TOPIC

Object: To help educate for good citizenship and to give added emphasis to the need of law enforcement in these days when such enforcement is so much a growing necessity.

Suggestions: Let each one who will come with a quotation of what some great man has said regarding obedience to law.

Have each member relate some incident he or she knows of where a boy or girl of intermediate age helped to enforce the law.

Ask for other suggestions.

Draw circles of love on blackboard. Get idea from paragraph 6 in topic:

S—Self love; F—Family love; F—Friends; P—Patriotism; W—World brotherhood; G—Around all, God's love for us.

Sing at least two patriotic songs.

Have someone recite:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
'This is my own, my native land;'
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned
As home his footsteps he hath turned,
From wandering on a foreign strand."

All say together: "A good government is the achievement of a good people."

All pledge: "I pledge allegiance to my flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all."

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October 25, 1925

HOW CAN WE PROVE OUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP FOR THE JEWS?

"Land of All Nations"—Chapter 8—A Shuttle of the Great Loom (Edward Steiner)

Rom. 10:1-14
Laura Wade Rice

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Common Service Book, No. 131 (emphasizing verse 3).

Scripture reading—Romans 10:1-14.

Leader—We owe more to the Jews than to any other nation. Through them God gave us the Bible; the stories we learn in Sunday School are also about heroes of their people, the verses we memorize, the lessons we choose for our League meetings were written with Jewish pens. The Lord who came for our salvation was born of a Jewish mother and died with this title overhead, "King of the Jews." The first Christians were all Jews. The first martyrs of Nero's persecutions by fire and by the lion's tooth were overwhelmingly Jewish. If "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church" we Gentile Christians owe this people a debt we cannot repay. Over in Europe, Catholic and Protestant—yes, Lutheran Protestants, too, have paid it back by stoning the Jews, beating and killing and plundering them and their homes. Watch the papers, pogroms are still occasionally reported. No wonder they are suspicious of us. No wonder they feel that Christians do not love them, that the religion of Jesus is a religion of hate. No wonder they were taught to say when they see a cross, "Cursed is he who made a new religion." There is so much we must help the Jew to forget. It is harder to teach him that there is such a thing as Christian friendship than to teach it to any other nation. How can we do it?

(A) When Christ came to teach men that God is love, He loved men. That is our first and best way. As young people in school and in business we must accept them simply as fellow-Americans. We must be keen to see and acknowledge their good points. We must know and let them know that we know how much the secular as well as the religious world owes to their nation. We must win their friendship—it is a terrible thing to feel put outside.

(B) Read article in next month's REVIEW.

(C) We must read their history. Other people in other lands calling themselves by the holiest Name have put the blackest of blots upon it for the Jew. They are of Jesus' earthly family—why should we scorn His brothers and sisters? A Jewish high school boy who regards Jesus as only a man, but as the greatest hero of their race, lately said to his father, "I love Jesus but I hate Christians." Was he in your classroom?

(D) Our Church has four missions with missionaries who visit in Jewish homes and stores, who hold open air services on street corners, and invite listeners to their buildings to meetings, to classes and to use their reading rooms. Their sick are visited in homes and in hospitals, flowers and fruit and good reading are taken to them. In every way the spirit of oneness and Christian friendliness is shown. Tracts and Bibles help sow a good seed in their minds and hearts.

(E) These missions are located in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Toledo. Our Lutheran people pray and give for their support. Luther Leaguers and others of young and older people attend the open air services and help with the singing or by solo or instrumental music and by bringing flowers for the children. These meetings are in Jewish sections where the presence of each one of you are, and your personal Christian character and your attitude to them is the greatest help you can give this work—for Jesus' sake.

Leader—Most deplorable is the existence of the feeling, "We are Americans—you are Jews." You all know it exists. It is our job as Christians to do away with it. The thought back of these missionary lessons on "The Land of All Nations," is to teach us to find in every nationality the things that show our oneness. We Americans who have been here the longest most need the lesson. We are very like the people of Nazareth who cast Christ out because He told them that their prophets had worked miracles for the heathen. We like to think we are first, best and only. Boys and girls, young men, young women, of our Lutheran Church, you cannot help Christ's Kingdom to come if you feel that way. The best teacher America has had to give her this lesson is the hero of our chapter today—Edward A. Steiner, the Jew who came to our shores a penniless immigrant. Let us open our Land of All Nations and look at his bright, kindly face with the smile on his lips and the twinkle of humor in his eye. He has given himself for this service, by his life, his books (some titles given below), his gospel ministry, not alone in his church but wherever the immigrants need him, by his teachings as Professor of Applied Christianity at Grinnell College, Iowa, and by his over thirty trips back and forth across the Atlantic to study the steerage and how to correct its abuses and help its passengers.

(G) Even as a little child he could not understand why being a Jew should separate him from other children in that far away Hungarian town. He was ready to overlook everything in his passion for brotherhood.

(H) Little Child Days, PP134-138.

(I) Religion and Education, 138-143.

(J) America, the idol of his heart, did not seem to need him when he reached her shores. He wandered from east to west trying all ways of keeping life within him—steel mill laborer, everything but selling liquor. It was a hard school, but it taught

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Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

THE JUNIOR READING COURSE

Chinese Lanterns—Meyers	$ .75
Uncle Sam's Family—McConnell	1.00
The Marigold Horse—Seebach	1.25
Best Bible Tales—Hurst	1.50
Martin of Mansfeld—Seebach	.75
Through Story-Land with the Children—Faulkner	1.25

HIGH LIGHTS FROM MILWAUKEE

What of the Juniors at Milwaukee? The work of this Department of the League was adequately demonstrated during the convention.

Secretary's Report.—The Junior Secretary was very happy to report the reaching of our goal of 200 Junior Luther Leagues and the "going over the top" of the Junior Objective Fund—$304.40 being in hand. Now that we have reached these goals let us make them but stepping stones to bigger and higher aims. We were able to report an aggregate value of the gifts made by the Juniors during the biennium to the amount of $7,000. The varied and many activities engaged in by the children as outlined in the report—which you will find elsewhere in this issue—was a revelation to many of the delegates. Looking forward into the new biennium let our watchword be "Forward" in every line. Be sure to read the report.

Exhibits.—An exhibit of posters and announcements advertising Junior League meetings attracted much attention.

But more so did the exhibit of work done by the Juniors themselves, gathered from the Juniors all over the country, and mounted on rainbow colored paper. There were pictures galore of Junior Leagues, programs of all sorts of meetings, novel invitations, sewing done by the Juniors, various kinds of handiwork, etc.

Special mention must be made of the Junior League of Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, under the direction of Sister Nanca, which sent one of the finest displays —consisting of snapshots, a beautifully worked Bible bookmark, the various altar fittings cut from gold paper and mounted on a card, the Church seasons and the appropriate colors worked out on another chart, and the Luther League motto worked on a card in the League colors.

The same mail which brought this display brought a picture of the Junior League of Christiansted, and a check for four dollars toward the Junior Objective. Sister Clara is in charge of this League. Juniors of the Virgin Islands, we salute you! Some day we will come down and have a Junior convention with you!

Another noteworthy display worthy of honorable mention was sent by Redeemer, Monaca, Pennsylvania. This League sent a whole box of interesting devices, butterflies, kites, posters, scrapbooks, used to advertise their meetings—all made by the Juniors themselves, not one over twelve years old.

This exhibit will be preserved. Another will be started immediately. So whenever you have a special meeting or make invitations, or do something "extra," send it along to the office. Your ideas will help others. Many ideas gleaned from this exhibit at Milwaukee will be worked out by the delegates back home.

"Christ First in the Junior Department." —The address by Mr. Frey adequately introduced the program of Junior work. It struck the keynote. Among other things Mr. Frey said "Our Junior Department is not built up over night. The tide does not rise that way. The waves surge in and out; each time they surge in, however, they rise a little higher; they flow back again, and roll in again a little higher, higher each time, till they reach the high level." So with our Junior Leagues. We are building slowly but surely, each effort we put forward with the children brings us a little nearer our goal. We are building on the sure foundation, nothing else matters. Planting the truths of the Bible in the hearts and minds of the children, leading them step by step in paths of missionary service, drawing them up, up to the Throne of Grace, doing this consistently, carefully, conscientiously, this is the work of the Junior League.

The Junior Demonstration.—Everybody was saying "Didn't the Juniors do well?" "Wasn't the Juniors' program good?" And it was! The Junior Leaguers of St. Mat-

thew's, Wauwatosa, and Redeemer, Milwaukee, rose nobly to the occasion and gave an interesting demonstration of what children can do.

Presided over by Master Robert Stauft, the President of the Junior League of St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa, the following program was given:

Hymn—Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

Scripture Lesson—Christ in the Temple, read by Mildred Striepling, Junior from St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa.

Prayer—Rev. J. S. Albert.

Demonstration—The Junior League Reading Course by six Juniors in costume from Redeemer Ev., Milwaukee.

Exercise—Luther's Coat of Arms, Junior League of St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa.

Address—What the Junior League Does for Me, Robert Stauft, President Junior League, St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa.

Exercise—The Church Seasons, Junior League Redeemer Ev., Milwaukee.

Presentation of Junior Objective Fund.

Luther League Rally Hymn.

Junior Methods.—The Junior Secretary then conducted a period stressing practical plans for work in the Junior League—emphasing the new literature, the Junior Topics, Bible study, missionary lessons, pictures, and home made rolls and posters.

The Junior Objective Fund.—The Junior Secretary is neither emotional nor sentimental, but she was thrilled when during the Junior demonstration, three Juniors had the privilege of turning over to the respective agencies the money given by the Juniors for our three objectives—Education, Missions, Life Service. On behalf of Junior literature, for the production of same, one hundred dollars was turned over to Mr. Hodges, General Secretary and Literature Secretary. On behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions Mr. William Menges accepted the check for one hundred dollars to be applied to children's work in China. And for the West Indies Board, Mr. Charles Fuhr was given the third check for a hundred dollars to be used in the support of Mr. Leopoldo Caban, a Spanish student at Wagner College preparing for work in Porto Rico.

The year was only half gone when our goal was accomplished. Surely Juniors *can* do things.

The Future.—We stand at the threshold of another biennium. What is to be its record? The future of the Junior Department rests in your hands, dear readers. Will you carry on the work? Will you follow the plans suggested? Will you organize and work with the children in your church? District and State Junior Chairmen will you do your share? Altogether—"Forward"—in the greatest work in the Kingdom—the training of the children! It is yours to decide what our Junior Department will be in the coming two years.

Literature

The first note we have to strike in the new biennium is a happy one. More literature! The new program packet is ready. You will want this for permanent use. It contains a Manual—"Little Doings and Little Suggestions for Work With the Little Ones," which you will want for constant reference. There are eleven other brand new leaflets. The whole sells for 40 cents. Order it now and use it with your programs for the balance of the year. You can not do efficient work without it.

Field Work

The Junior Secretary has had an interesting summer. Many opportunities for service presented themselves, and more and more are we thoroughly convinced of the possibilities in working with the children and the adequacy of our program.

We left the office June 9 and returned August 18.

Our first stop was the convention of the Greensburg District League at Connellsville, Pa. An interesting group of Juniors presented two exercises, "Luther's Coat of Arms" and "Wanted! A Junior Leader!" A conference on Junior work and another on Intermediate work were here conducted.

Our next stop was Pittsburgh. A most successful Junior Rally of Branch Number Five was held in St. Luke's Church, 125 Juniors were present, and an interesting Saturday afternoon spent. On Sunday greetings were extended in three Sunday School classes, and words of felicitation extended at the meeting of the Junior League of Grace Church, N. S.

We then visited the Orphan Home at Zelienople and attended the meeting of the Junior League there. It was an inspiration to meet with these Juniors.

The Indiana State Luther League convention which met at Brookville next claimed our attention. A "live" crowd of young people are the Indiana Leaguers; quite responsive to all work. An interesting Junior Conference was held here.

We were next privileged to spend several days at the Lake Winona Summer School of Missions. Here we attended a class on Junior Methods and the children's hour and much inspiration gained.

From Winona we traveled to Milwaukee to do some preliminary work for the convention.

On the eve of the national convention we visited the convention of the Luther League

of Wisconsin, held at Wauwatosa, attending several sessions and presenting Junior work in an after dinner talk.

After the Milwaukee convention we visited in Trinity Church, Chicago, and from there journeyed to Syracuse, Indiana, where the Michigan Synod Summer School was held and where the Luther League of the Michigan Synod was being organized. We were privileged here to have charge of the Children's Hour, and for five mornings the children met, organized, gave various exercises which were repeated for the grown-ups, and told and listened to Bible and missionary stories. It was a most interesting group. A methods period each on Junior and Intermediate work was conducted and the work presented in a platform talk. The Michigan Leaguers are an eager, enthusiastic group.

The next stop was Lakeside, Ohio, where for a week we "listened in" on the Lutheran Chautauqua of the Joint Synod of Ohio. Here we attended classes on Senior, Intermediate and Junior methods, and brought greetings from the Luther League of America to the Young People's Luther League.

The next week was spent at the same place in the Summer School of our Ohio Synod and the convention of the Luther League of Ohio. "Junior Luther League—Why?" was our topic for discussion on the program here.

Then back to the "City of Brotherly Love" and settling down for the planning of the winter's work.

All this that you may know that the work of the Junior League is "marching on."

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October 4, 1925

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SOUTH AMERICA

(Missionary)

Mrs. A. J. Fenner

Leader.—We have heard of the darkness of India, Africa, Japan, China and even the darkness of our own country. We have learned how our missionaries are carrying the light into these dark places, places where the light of Jesus does not shine. Today, a sister country comes to us out of her darkness and bids us lead her into the light.

Four Juniors come forward, one carrying a card on which is printed "South America." They repeat the following Bible verses:

1. "We walk in darkness."
2. "We wait for light."
3. "We grope in darkness without light."
4. "In Thy light shall we see light."

Six Juniors, representing North America, come forward. Five with lighted candles, one with a Bible.

1. "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts."
2. "Arise, shine, for thy light is come."
3. "The Lord is my Light."
4. "God is Light."
5. "Christ shall give thee Light."
6. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Leader.—(Turning to those who have just recited). "Now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light."

(Juniors remain up front while all sing.)

Hymn.—God Make My Life a Little Light or Oh, Zion, Haste.

Prayer—Sentence prayers by the Juniors.

Topic—Have a map of North and South America, with our Mission Stations outlined or marked with stars. One of the Juniors might draw the map (previous to the meeting) either on the blackboard or a large sheet of paper.

Leader's Introduction.—The Leader asks two Junior girls to come forward and join hands. He explains that one is North America and the other South America. Just as these two sisters are clasping hands, so are the sister countries. He shows on the map how the countries are joined together. Although we are so close to the other, one country lives in the light and the other in darkness.

Leader.—Will John tell us something about the darkness of South America?

Junior.—The darkness of South America is so great that some people almost forget there are two Americas and speak of our Northern Continent as "America," as if there were only one. The one country of Brazil in South America is larger than the whole United States. Great is the territory of South America and great is her need.

Leader.—Tell us of the people who live in South America.

Junior.—The American Indian lives in South America as well as in the North. Eighteen millions are now living there.

As Africa is only two days by steamer from Brazil, many negroes come to live in this land. One third of the population in Brazil is negro.

Just as immigrants have come to our shores, so have they sailed to the shores of South America. We find thousands of Germans, English, Spanish, and Italians.

Leader.—Who was the first Protestant to carry the Light to South America?

Superintendent or a Junior tell the story of "A Baron who sent Himself." (Price two cents from Literature Headquarters.)

Leader—Have we kept the Light burning?

Junior.—No, we have failed to keep it

burning. "We speak of Africa as the dark continent yet Africa has more missionaries to every thousand of its people than has South America.

"There are more ordained ministers in our state of Iowa than in all South America with its 80,000,000.

Philadelphia has seven hundred Protestant churches. Buenos Aires is a little larger than Philadelphia and has only fifteen.

Leader.—What is the religion of South America?

Junior.—I am sorry to say that the larger part of South America has *no* religion.

The negroes and Indians are as pagan as any savage tribe in Africa.

People have fallen away from the Roman Catholic Church and denounce religion of any kind.

The Bible, for centuries, was not allowed to be read. It is only in the past few years that the open Bible has reached South America.

When people have no religion they do not mind cheating, gambling, swearing, lying and doing those things which Christians do not do.

Leader.—Has our church sent any one to carry the light to this sister country?

Junior.—Yes. We have two mission Fields in South America. One in British Guiana and the other in Argentine. New Amsterdam is the main station in British Guiana and Buenos Aires the Argentine. These stations are three thousand miles apart. (Show stations on map.)

Rev. Ralph White has charge of our station at New Amsterdam and Rev. H. A. Haas at British Guiana. (Write their names at these stations on the map.)

In British Guiana we have four Lutheran churches with Sunday Schools, and Luther Leagues, just as we have here.

There are three Primary Schools with about 150 children enrolled.

Our Missionaries here, work among Indians, negroes, Hindus and Mohammedians.

In Argentine we have five stations, the main one at Buenos Aires, where we have a fine school, church and parsonage.

Leader.—Why need we build schools in South America?

Junior.—Among the lower classes in South America, only a very few can read and write.

A professor in one of the schools in Argentine (where only the high class students go) said that ten thousand persons do all the thinking and directing for nine million Argentines.

We must teach the children for they are to be the future South American citizens to carry the light into the dark places of their own country.

South America is a rich country, rich in mines, in forests and in its soil. These will not make her a great country if her people are not educated and become Christians.

Many people are flocking to her shores to gain some of her wealth but few are bringing the Bible to lead these people into the light. (Pictures of our schools and churches in South America may be found in a booklet called, "South America," 15 cents from Literature Headquarters.)

Handwork.—With large sheets of manila paper and crayons, have the Juniors draw the two continents and locate the Lutheran fields.

Discussions.

Hymn—Children's Choice.

Prayer—Lord's Prayer by all.

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October 11, 1925

ROBERT MORRISON: A HERO OF CHINA

(Hero Story)

Miss Laura Wade Rice

Hymn.

Scripture—Luke 2:41-52.

Prayer.

Leader—When we read or hear about the great things some people have done, we think—"Oh, I could never do anything like that!" We forget that these men and women were once boys or girls, just as you are, and then, they, too, would have said, "Oh, I never could do that!" Just see these queer Chinese letters—(have some Chinese script to display) there were hundreds of them in their alphabet—not just the few you have to learn—do you think you would ever be able to make a big dictionary and tell what each Chinese word meant in English? Or even to learn them all?

Junior Boy—No—and Robert Morrison—our hero today—would not have thought he could, for he was so dumb when he was a little boy that they called him a dunce in school, and his mother thought he would never learn anything.

Junior Girl—Yes, but he had a good mother, and she just kept on trying to get his lessons into his head, and one week his report was a little better, and the next week a l-i-t-t-l-e bit better still—and then she and Robert both began to feel a great deal better, for he kept on making up until he really liked to learn.

Third Junior (a boy)—He wasn't dumb at all after that, for when he was twelve he said the whole 119th Psalm, with its 176 verses in meeting one night without missing a word. The preacher had been having him come to his house and teaching him. My! wasn't everybody surprised!

Fourth Junior (a girl)—They thought he would be a preacher, sure! I don't like to tell the next—for when he was fifteen he got

into bad company and swore and got drunk. He felt bad all his life when he remembered those times.

Fifth Junior (a boy)—But when he was sixteen he was so sorry that he prayed to God for forgiveness and help and began to help other boys to love God and be good. He used to study most all night and afterward he went to college and learned to be a preacher.

Sixth Junior (a girl)—When he was twenty his good mother died. It was after that he went to college. His folks did not like it, when after he graduated, he told them God wanted him to be a missionary. But they lived to be glad. The society sent him to China, and told him his work was to be translating the Bible into Chinese! He was only twenty-five and it seemed a very big, hard thing to do.

Seventh Junior (a boy)—It *was* hard. You just look at those Chinese letters and see. It was even risky to try to get anyone to teach him, as the Chinese government would put any one to death who taught the language to a foreigner. But Robert Morrison had a wonderful brain and when he did get teachers he made rapid progress. Soon he was called the greatest Chinese scholar in Europe. In six years he had translated the New Testament and in six more the Old Testament.

Eighth Junior (a girl)—In the first eight years he put out the first volume of his English-Chinese dictionary and in the fifteenth year it was completed. He had also published a hymn-book, tracts, a grammar, and a catechism, while working on the Bible. When he went home to England, his family and the whole nation were proud of him. It was a wonderful thing to have given the word of God to the millions of Chinese readers. Robert Morrison, because of this, has done more for China than we can know till we get to heaven.

Hymn.

Prayer—Dear Lord, help us boys and girls to do our very best in school. We do not know now what wonderful work Thou mayest have for us to do when we are grown. Help us to be our best and do our best for Thee. Amen.

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October 18, 1925

BIBLE MARYS AND MARYS OF LATER TIMES

(Bible Story)

Esther E. Martin

Scripture Lesson—Mother of Jesus, St. Matt. 2:11; Mary Magdalene, Luke 8:2; Sister of Martha and Lazarus, Luke 10:38-39.

Poster—Get three baby dolls, six to eight inches tall, that have long hair, one with dark hair and two light haired. Dress these in white cloth, made in loose robes. Material may be successfully pinned on dolls if desired. Have the hair hanging loose. Place the dark haired one in the center and make a halo of gold string, which should be fastened a little above the head. Gold twine is stiff and will hold a circular shape. Dolls should be mounted on a stiff cardboard that has been covered with black paper. Dolls are mounted by fastening a cord around the waists and knotting the cord securely on the underside of the mount.

Words—"We represent the three Marys. Won't you come and hear about us and others at Junior League today?" Printing done with white ink or white crayon if black mount is used.

Invitation—Since this lesson is near Hallowe'en time, make suggestive invitations. Write invitation on plain paper, and slip into halves of nut shells, tieing a string around halves to hold them together. Words, "Come hear about the good things in Junior League today."

PROGRAM

Before meeting begins ask for favorite hymns. Help the leader select the hymns for the day from this group.

Hymn.
Psalm.
Gloria.
Prayers (group or sentence).
Scripture.
Hymn.
Division of group.
Offering.
Business meeting or special feature.
Topic.
Groups united.
Closing service.

TOPIC

To be *told* by leader.

The number 3 seems to be amost important one in the life of Christians, for there are three of so many persons and things mentioned in the Bible. First of all there is the Trinity. Who can explain this? (Give time for explanation.) How long was Jesus in the grave? How many things can you remember of Biblical things that go by threes? (Give time for thought and expression). And now, today, we think once more of three women who meant so much to Jesus and all of whom had the same name—Mary.

First, there is the mother of Jesus. Let us hear about her. (Have one of the Juniors read a paper or give a short talk telling about her, giving him a week or so to prepare it.)

Then there was Mary Magdalene.

Leader—

This woman had seven devils; that is, she was very wicked, but somehow, could not

help herself. Some people say she had a sort of sickness. The Bible doesn't say just what way she was affected, but it tells us that Jesus had compassion on her and healed her. She was very grateful to Jesus for this and served Him continually.

We seem to know a great deal about the third Mary, who was the sister of Martha and Lazarus.

(Have Junior tell content of St. Luke 10:38-42 and St. John 12:1-8.)

Leader—

These Marys loved Jesus very much. And we find them together at the foot of the cross. They were not afraid nor ashamed to follow Jesus during His great suffering before and while on the cross. In fact it seems as if they loved Him more than all of the disciples (except John, who followed at a short distance) because the Bible again tells us that the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Junior—

These women were honored very much for they were the first to come to Jesus' grave on Easter day to prepare His body for proper burial and instead found a risen Saviour. Last Easter we had a topic on this picture, showing where Jesus spoke first to one of the Marys and said, "Go quickly and tell the disciples that I am risen from the dead!" We learn from this that the Marys loved Jesus to the very last, even when they thought He was dead. And we know that Jesus loved them.

OTHER MARYS.

Use following topics from your LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW file and have various Juniors tell the stories.

Deaconesses—May, 1923, page 27, and March, 1924, page 21.

Florence Nightingale — August, 1921, page 33.

Dr. Anna Kugler—October, 1922, page 27.

Mary Reed—March, 1922, page 25.

Have another Junior tell about a Deaconess or Woman Missionary who has gone out from the local Church or one near by. Follow suggestions in Superintendents' helper.

N. B.—If you do not have a LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW file, select biographies from some of your Reading Course books (regarding women). Keeping a LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW file helps a great deal some times in planning your program. Material suggested is not always available and much of it can be found in old copies of the REVIEW. Incidentally, material reviewed once in a while is good. However, use discretion about this for old material used too often or only a few months old becomes boresome.

October 25, 1925

THE BIBLE CHAINED AND UNCHAINED

(Reformation Meeting)

Memory Verse—"Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

Poster—A small Bible or Testament fastened on a sheet of cardboard, with a chain around it, and the caption "Hear how the Bible was unchained, at Junior League on Saturday," will make a striking way of announcing the meeting.

THE TOPIC

Leader—Today we are going to talk about our Bible. How many of us are glad that we have the Bible, that we can read it, that we can have it preached every Sunday in our churches? Our Lutheran Church calls itself "the Church of the Open Bible" because we teach the whole Book to all—it is closed to none.

It was not always so. There was a time when the Book was not known, except by a few, when its truths were only taught in part, when it was really chained, and today we are to hear about this. Will some one tell us about the Bible chained?

First Junior—Long years ago there was a young monk studying at Wittenberg, Germany. He was thoughtful and studied hard, and wondered much about many things happening 'round about him and throughout the countries which then made up the world.

He was particularly interested in studying the Scriptures and eagerly listened to all that the priests read from the Sacred Book. While it was all read in Latin, this young monk took in every word and carefully thought it all over. He also spent many hours studying the parts of the Scriptures which the priests allowed to come into his hands. He read them over and over, he memorized them, he made them part of himself.

One day this monk was on some errand down in the cellar of the monastery. One story tells us that back in a corner among a lot of rubbish and old books, he found a book which caught his attention. Another story tells us that down in this cellar chained down to the floor, he found the Book. Which ever story is true does not matter. He eagerly seized upon it, and putting it in the folds of his robe, carried it to his room where he pored over it until the small hours of the morning. He had never had a complete Bible before, only parts which the priests allowed to be given out. "Why here are some truths I never knew before, here are some things the priests never told us" he thought to himself as he eagerly read every word.

This young monk was (let Juniors give name) Martin Luther—and so in his day

the Bible was actually and really chained.

Second Junior—The Bible was chained in practice too. The priests did not teach all its truths, they preached things not found in the Bible, they deceived the people. It was these things that made Martin Luther decide not to be a priest, but to stand up against these wrongs. He unchained the Bible by writing out all the wrong things in the Church in those days, and telling the people some of the truths of the Gospel which had been kept from them. He nailed these on the church door. He helped to destroy the chains about the Bible and when he would not take back anything he had written, but before all the emperor's and church's officials said, "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise."

(If time permits previously assign to one of the Juniors the Chapter in "Martin of Mansfeld" on the Diet of Worms, and have it told at this point.)

Third Junior—In still another way Luther helped unchain the Bible. He soon found even when he was able to get the whole Bible into the churches, it was still really a chained book, for it was all written in Latin—and his father and mother—his friends—the common people—could read not a word of it.

So he set to work to really unchain it by writing it out for the people in their own language. He translated it into their own tongue—so that it might really be an unchained—an open Book. This was really Luther's greatest work.

Leader—Was not the Bible being unchained in other countries too?

Fourth Junior—Yes, everywhere all over Europe under Luther's lead, men were thinking just as he had thought and were fighting to unchain the Bible.

Savanarola in Italy died in his efforts to unchain the Bible.

Fifth Junior—In Bohemia, John Huss was burned at the stake because he tried to spread the Bible in the hearts and minds of the people.

Sixth Junior—In England John Knox and other great men helped spread the Gospel and further carried out this great movement.

Seventh Junior—In Norway and Sweden the fight was won for the Bible through the brave soldier king Gustavus Adolphus.

Leader—And so the Bible was unchained. There was one thing more which helped greatly. Who can tell us about it?

Eighth Junior—Just at the time when Luther was doing his great work, God put a great plan into the heart of another man, which helped the cause. The Bible in those days was a very expensive book which only a few could have because most of it had to be printed by hand, and it was a long, slow and expensive process.

So just at this time God led John Gutenberg to help by putting into his mind plans for a wonderful invention—the printing press. When this was completed, thousands of Bibles could be quickly made, and it was not long before it was possible for every man, woman and child to own a Bible.

Leader—Is the Bible still unchained today in some places?

Ninth Junior—Yes, it is. In South America the priests still keep it a closed Book. And in all our mission lands the people do not even know there is such a Book.

Missionaries have been taking the Book—there is need for more.

Tenth Junior—Reads last chapter of "Martin of Mansfeld."

(If time permits tell a few facts convening each of the missionaries mentioned.)

Leader—Let us pray that the Bible may be unchained everywhere, that we may help spread the truths it gives us. (Use Sentence Prayers in leaflet in Program Packet.)

SUGGESTIONS

Make this a public meeting. Invite parents. Decorate in League colors.

Secure a picture of Luther and have it unveiled.

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THE FOUR HUNDRED

An English hostess was very proud over the elevation of one of her family to the House of Lords. "This makes the second of our family in the Peers," she remarked to one of her callers. "Have you any relation in the House of Lords?"

"No," was the calm reply, "but I have two maiden aunts in the Kingdom of Heaven."—*Christian Register.*

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The chairman of the gas company was making a popular address. "Think of the good the gas company has done," he cried. "If I were permitted a pun I would say in the words of the immortal poet, *'Honor the light brigade'!"*

At this point a customer jumped up with the shout, "Oh, what a charge they made!" —*Young People.*

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CHARITABLE

Pastor—"This morning I will have for my topic, 'The Great Flood in Genesis.' "

Prominent Member of Congregation (arising)—"I've got an engagement to play golf, so I can't stay, but I'll head the subscription list with $1,000 to relieve the suffering Genesians."—*Cartoons Magazine.*

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"Say, captain," said a new sailor boy, "please tell me what to do if I get seasick."

"Never mind, you won't have to be told. You'll do it."—*Chicago News.*

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

NEW JERSEY

ON TO ASBURY

Convention of the Luther League of New Jersey
Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park
October 12-13, 1925

Theme—"Christ First in Missions"

Speakers: Mannikam, Grafflin, Sundberg, Mehlhouse, Krumholtz, Hoffman.

The program will cover the three fields of Missions, contributed numbers from the various Leagues of the State, a Junior demonstration, banquet and bathing.

All Lutheran young people are cordially invited.

MICHIGAN

The Luther League of the Michigan Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, was organized at Oakwood Park, Lake Wauwasee, Indiana, on Tuesday, July 14, at high noon by representatives of the Luther Leagues connected with the Churches of the Michigan Synod. These representatives were called together by a Synodical Committee on Luther League work and met in connection with the Michigan Synod Summer School for Christian Workers. The Synodical Committee, of which the Rev. G. Charles Goering, Battle Creek, Mich., was chairman, and Rev. E. A. A. Kreppert, Uniondale, Ind., and Rev. Fred Shirey, Detroit, Mich., were members, had charge of the Luther League Conferences.

At the meeting on Tuesday morning addresses were delivered by the Rev. G. Charles Goering and Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America. At the conclusion of these addresses the delegates in convention expressed themselves as ready to consummate a Synodical organization. A constitution based upon a model one furnished by the Luther League of America was read and after several minor changes had been made it was adopted without a dissenting vote.

On Tuesday evening addresses were delivered by Miss B. L. Mehlhouse, Junior and Intermediate Secretary of the Luther League of America, and by Mr. Harry Hodges. Following these addresses a business session was held at which the following officers were elected: President, Rev. G. Charles Goering, Battle Creek, Mich.; vice-president, Mr. Kenneth Shook, Detroit, Mich.; recording secretary, Miss Mary Miller, Uniondale, Ind.; corresponding secretary, Miss Lula Evy, Nappanee, Ind.; treasurer, Mr. James Olson, Elkhart, Ind.

The executive committee consists of the above mentioned officers and Miss Isabel Chamberlain, South Bend, Ind.

Immediately after the election the officers were installed by the General Secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges.

Following the installation a very interesting and inspiring address was delivered by the Rev. O. Ingvoldstad, dean of the Chicago Lutheran Bible School.

At the conferences held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Mr. Harry Hodges spoke on "Luther League Methods," and Miss B. L. Mehlhouse had charge of the Junior and Intermediate study hours.

The officers of the League were instructed to petition the Luther League of America for membership. Copies of the constitution will be sent to all the Luther Leagues and those absent from the convention will be requested to ratify the constitution and become members of the Luther League of the Michigan Synod.

Another outstanding feature of the convention was the action taken by the newly formed League declaring itself ready and willing to do its part in contributing funds for the erection of the Administration Building of Andhra College, India. The action was taken following a forceful appeal made by the Rev. J. Roy Strock, a missionary in India, who is touring the country in the interests of the proposed Andhra College.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Luther League convened for its twenty-third annual convention at St. John's Church, Duluth Minn., on July 12, 13 and 14, the Rev. C. A. Peil pastor. The hospitality and cordiality of the Duluthians was unexcelled, forty-four delegates and many visitors being present. The convention sermon was delivered by Dr. M. J. Bieber, D.D., superintendent of missions for the Synod of the Northwest. His subject was "The Stewardship of Life." We received a great inspiration for service, sacrifice and stewardship from his timely sermon. Mr. C. C. Dittmer, Treasurer of the Luther League of America, made an address on "Eternal Vigilance the Price of a Good Luther League." Mr. Dittmer also led a "round table" discussion on "How Can We Get Our Young People to Take Part in Devotional Meetings?" He said that the discussion was the most important part of the devotional meeting yet it seemed the hardest. Three ways were suggested to start a discussion, namely, 1, by argument; 2, by asking questions; 3, by the leader himself.

Two papers on "Prayer" and "The Use of the Topics at Our League Meetings" were read. Dr. Strock, president of Andhra Christian College, addressed the convention on "The Andhra Christian College." He stressed the importance of such a college in India. He declared that the growth of Christianity in India depended a great deal on the training of the native workers, and that we should provide a college with high scholastic standards in which to train the native workers. The Luther Leagues of Winona, Minn., Alberta Lea, Minn., and Pentecost, Minneapolis, were received into the State League. One hundred and twenty new subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW were promised by the delegates. If the delegates return to their respective Leagues with the enthusiasm and inspiration which they received from the convention the following resolutions among others will be fulfilled, and the convention will be deemed a success:

RESOLUTIONS

1. That we apply our efforts in increasing our membership during the coming year.

2. That we urge the extension committee to establish a Luther League in every congregation in the Central conference.

3. That we continue our efforts to raise $1,000 for the support of a traveling missionary in northern Minnesota.

4. That each League contribute $5 toward the sustaining membership fund of the Luther League of America.

5. That we assume $100 as our goal toward the $25,000 assumed by the Luther League of America toward Andhra Christian College.

6. That we adopt the fifteen points of excellence adopted by the New York State Luther League.

Mr. Walter Moeller acted as toastmaster at the banquet held July 13. Over 150 people were present. The yells, solos, songs, and witty speeches made the evening very enjoyable.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Walter H. Moeller, Duluth; first vice-president, Arthur Larson, Minneapolis; second vice-president, Archie Narum, Minneapolis; recording secretary, Leonard T. Carlson, Minneapolis; statistical secretary, Ruth Anderson, Lindstrom; treasurer, George Moeller, Duluth.

The next convention will be held at Salem Church, Minneapolis.

INDIANA

INDIANA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

June 17, 18 and 19

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Indiana State Luther League was held at Brookville, Ind., in St. Thomas' Church.

First Session 3 P. M.

Opened with devotional services, by Rev. Powell, of Louisville. Address of welcome given by the president of St. Thomas' Luther League, response was made by Rev. Mr. Alberts, Muncie, Ind., president of the State League. Minutes of last year's convention read, presidential committee appointed, reading of president's report and roll call. Membership of League according to corresponding secretary, Seniors, 568; Intermediates, 70; Juniors, 80, making a total of 718. Two (2) new Leagues were accepted into membership of the State League, Gethsemane, Indianapolis, with seventeen members, and First Church, Columbus, with thirty members. Treasurer's report showed following result: Total receipts, $448.11; total disbursements, $374.88, leaving a balance of $73.23. A life service collection amounted to $37.55. The various committees of the League gave their reports. The president appointed the nomination, press, president's report, and the auditing committees for the convention. The first session closed with prayer by Rev. Hadely, Louisville.

Second Session 8 P. M.

Meeting opened with Rev. Spaid in charge of devotional services. Rev. Gardner gave a wonderful address on "Loyalty to Christ Through Home Missions." Special music was furnished by the choir of St. Thomas' Church. Rev. Roy Strock then gave an inspiring address on "Loyalty to Christ Through Foreign Missions." Session came to a close after some announcements by the president and benediction by Rev. Spaid, Louisville.

Third Session 9 A. M.

Rev. Hadely opened the meeting with devotional services. Credential committee reported there were 102 registered for the convention up to date. Rev. Spaid then took charge of the "Senior Conference Work" of the convention. All the Leagues took part in the discussion. Rev. Strock gave a talk on "Life Service," also the plan of the national executive committee to raise $25,000 for the erection of a college building in Andhra, India. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Fourth Session 2 P. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises in charge of Rev. Rasmussen. Credential committee reported that 104 were registered. Minutes of previous session read. Rev. Benting then took charge of the "Intermediate Conference Work." Following the Intermediate conference the report of the president's report committee was made with the following recommendations and resolutions:

1. We would commend the president for his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties during the past year. It has been a year presenting many difficulties, and in them all we feel the president has acted wisely and well.

2. With regard to the Weidner Encyclopedia Fund—we recommend that to the $43.70 already in hand $6.30 be added from the League treasury, this $50 to be given to Weidner for the Library Fund, in lieu of the Encyclopedia.

3. We recommend that the "Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges" be designated as "Life Service Day," and urge that all Leagues observe the day with appropriate services.

4. We recommend that $5 be forwarded by our State treasurer to Mr. C. C. Ditmer as an expression of the good-will of our League for Mr. Harry Hodges.

5. We recommend that such articles of the constitution and by-laws as are necessary shall be amended to change the name of this organization to that of the "Luther League of Indiana Synod."

6. Anticipating your favorable action upon the above—we recommend that to Article 3 a second section be added, providing for associate membership on the part of Leagues in non-Synodical churches, such associate members to have all the rights and privileges of membership except that of holding office.

7. We recommend to the local Leagues that each League take out at least one (1) sustaining membership in the Luther League of America.

8. We recommend that the delegates from the Luther League of Indiana Synod to the Milwaukee Convention of the Luther League of America, be instructed to support the recommendation of executive committee of the Luther League of America, with regard to the raising of $25,000 by the Luther League of America for the erection of one of the buildings of Andhra Christian College, and we pledge our Synodical League to raise its quota for this object.

9. We recommend that a committee of three (3) be appointed by the president to redistrict the Leagues of the Synodical League.

10. We recommend that item 8 of the Standard of Excellence be amended to read "50 per cent. of the families of the League to be subscribers to the Luther League Review."

Resolutions

1. Resolved: That our heartfelt thanks be extended to the Luther League of St. Thomas' Church, Brookville, Ind., and to the members of the congregation for their efforts in making this convention a success, for their kind entertainment and hospitality, this resolution to be read by the president at the Friday evening session.

2. Resolved: That the executive committee of the Synodical League be instructed to publish the "Hoosier Luther Leaguer," bi-monthly from this time forward, and be requested to have it printed with larger, or at least more legible type, and on better paper.

3. Resolved: That the Luther League of Indiana Synod memorialize the Synod to consider the following objective: "That Indiana Synod

raise, at the expiration of the present Home Mission program of Synod, no less than $40,000 for the work of Home Missions in Indiana Synod territory, the Luther League of Indiana Synod pledging itself to raise its proportionate share of said amount upon adoption by Synod of said objective."

Nominating committee report accepted and after a contested election the following were elected to office: President, Rev. J. S. Albert, Muncie, Ind.; vice-president, Miss Lillian Kemper, Lafayette, Ind.; recording secretary, Francis E. Owens, Anderson, Ind.; treasurer, Miss Clara Ernest, Louisville, Ky.

Vacancies in the executive committee were filled by the following elections, their terms to expire: 1926, Rev. Spaid; 1928, Ray Scheible; 1929, Rev. Heft; 1930, Alva Brane.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

FIFTH SESSION 8 P. M.

Rev. Metzger, of Anderson, opened the meeting with devotional services. At this time Rev. Closson, president of Weidner Institute, gave us an address on "Loyalty to Christ Through Education." The Brookville Quartet furnished special music. Professor L. H. Larimer, a missionary on furlough from India, gave an address on "Loyalty to Christ Through Life Service." The officers of the League were installed by Rev. Metzger, of Anderson, and following several announcements meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION 9 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Turney. Corresponding secretary reported that there were 109 registered at the convention. Minutes of the fourth and fifth sessions were read, then the meeting was turned over to Miss Mehlhouse who took charge of the "Junior Conference Work." The place of the next convention was left in the hands of the executive committee. The following were elected to be delegates at the national convention: Rev. Albert, Miss Hagemeyer, Mrs. Fetta and Walter Kremp. Treasurer reported that $21 had been received from the two (2) evening sessions. Session closed with prayer and Benediction by Rev. Spaid, Louisville, Ky.

SEVENTH SESSION 1:30 P. M.

This session was a sight-seeing tour of the country in and about Brookville, taking in the places of interest. The trip began at 1:30 p. m. We arrived at the Scout Camp outside of the town about 3:45 and various games and stunts were given by the different Leagues. At 5 everybody took part in a picnic dinner. Then we returned to Brookville, everyone having had a wonderful time.

EIGHTH SESSION 8 P. M.

The eighth session opened with devotional services in charge of Rev. Otto Meyers. We were favored with a solo by Miss Bessie Derhammer and then the Brookville Leaguers presented a pageant, "The Temple of Praise," which was enjoyed and appreciated by all present. At the close of the pageant the president announced the following chairmen of committees: Extension committee, Lena Ruth Towles, Louisville; press committee, S. A. Hamrick, Mulberry; Junior Work, Garnet Doyle, Muncie; Intermediate Work, Mary Nees, Indianapolis; Missions, Alice Forsell, Indianapolis; education Harriet Scholl, Connersville; life service, Mae Childers, Louisville.

Redistricting committee: Rev. J. E. Spaid, Louisville; Miss Louise Ellig, Indianapolis; Miss Lillian Kemper, Lafayette.

The final session of the convention came to a close with Benediction by Rev. Meyers, Brookville, Ind.

TEXAS

The State Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Texas Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America held its sixth annual convention at Swiss Alps on June 14, 1925. The meeting was opened by Rev. F. F. Eberhardt, of Cuero. The sermon preached by Rev. Rowaldt, of Schroeder, his text being I Peter 5:7, roll call and reports of the officers and committees constituted the morning session. At 12 o'clock a delicious dinner was served by the local League.

At the afternoon session talks on the "Activities of the Leagues" were given by Misses Lillie Boehl, Laura Meyer and Clara Angerstein, Messrs. William F. Hofmann, A. A. Schramm, Fred Sehiga, Hy. Hausman and Herman Benkelberg.

It was the great privilege of the convention to have Mr. Harry Hodges, the General Secretary of the Luther League of America, present. He made a very impressive and inspiring address, stressing the three-fold object of the Senior League, namely: Education, Missions, and Life Service.

Mission and Goliad Leagues were accepted as members of the State League.

The State League voted to join the National League.

The following were elected as officers: Mr. William F. Hofman, of Victoria, president; Mr. August Meister, Yoakum, vice-president; Miss Ernestine Mergenthaler Shiner, recording secretary; Miss Agnes Miller, Victoria, corresponding secretary; Mr. L. A. Bressel, Yoakum, treasurer; Mr. John Meyer, Swiss Alps, and Mr. Gerhardt Mueller, Dryer, on the executive committee.

ILLINOIS

LUTHER LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS

The executive secretary, Mrs. S. T. Peterson, made a very complete report on the year's work, showing that she had sent out 1,650 letters (first class) besides editing and sending out hundreds of copies of the "Luther Leaguer of Illinois," and she visited twenty cities outside of the Chicago area. Four new Leagues were taken in during the year. Statistics revealed the fact that Woodstock League is the largest in the State, with 120 members; Christ League, Chicago, is second, with ninety-six members. Bethel League, Chicago, leads in benevolence, having contributed last year to benevolent causes $770, with a membership of fifty-five. North Austin League subscribes to the largest number of REVIEWS!

A change in our constitution was acted upon, making article 7, section 1, read:

"The officers of this League shall be a president, a recording secretary, an executive secretary and a treasurer. All officers except the executive secretary shall be elected at the annual convention. The executive secretary shall be elected by the executive committee on or before December 1, and take office for the calendar year beginning January 1."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to have prospered our organization so richly in the past year, your committee on resolutions wishes to submit the following:

1. Resolved that a constitution committee of three members be appointed to draw up a model constitution, same to be presented to our next annual convention.

2. Resolved that the Illinois Luther League have full charge of the publishing and the expense of the "Luther Leaguer."

3. That the delegates to the national convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wis.. be instructed

to support the Andhra Christian College project and pledge the support of Illinois.

4. That we support the State extension fund by our pledges.

5. That we continue to co-operate with the Junior and Intermediate departments of the national organization.

6. That the executive committee be granted authority to plan a means of adjusting our dues to meet the needs of the organization.

7. That we most heartily thank the First Lutheran Church of Decatur, its pastor, the Rev. Roy Catlin, the Luther League, the people who so generously entertained us in their homes, those who rendered the splendid music, Mrs. Long for her services at the organ, the Mt. Pulaski Orchestra, those who gave the use of their cars and all others who gave their time and talent in order to make this convention a splendid success!

Outside of the Chicago district Illinois has not been organized into districts. In the past there has been some question as to whether it would be better to have large districts, like the four conferences of the Illinois Synod, or whether it would not be better to have smaller districts. At this convention delegates were given an opportunity to thoroughly discuss the matter, and it was finally moved that the State be organized into small districts, an outline to be determined by the executive committee in consultation with the Leagues involved, so there will be no great distances between Leagues in a given district.

The election resulted in the following being selected to pilot the good ship Luther League of Illinois until May, 1926: President, Mr. Herschel Sowers, Decatur; recording secretary, Miss Evelyn Woodrich, Elgin; treasurer, Mr. Al. Gorsky, Chicago. Executive committee: Walter Berg, Chicago; Miss Lola Hahn, Mt. Pulaski; Rev. John J. Gent, Mt. Carmel.

On Friday evening a get-acquainted social was held in the church parlors after the session, and after enjoying a couple of lively games and some unique refreshments which carried out the Luther League colors, every one certainly felt right at home and "chummy" with their neighbors.

The crowning event was perhaps the banquet held on Saturday evening at the Y. W. C. A. at which about 200 Leaguers were present. A fine meal put every one in good spirits, some spirited singing by individual Leagues and by all Leagues together under the leadership of Mr. Appelman, of Decatur, with our own Fred Olling at the piano, brought forth some beautiful (?) and original sentiments about the officers and others present. Our past president, Mr. Kenneth Hurst, presided in a very able manner and called on various ones for short "addresses." The musical numbers rendered at the banquet were on a par with the fine music rendered throughout the convention.

A fitting climax not only to our banquet but to our convention was the stirring address made by the Rev. Charles S. Bauslin, D.D., of Harrisburg, Pa. While listening to Dr. Bauslin we forgot that it was extremely hot, that it was getting late—we were oblivious to everything except that we were listening to a man who had a real message for us and a way of putting it across that "took" with every one. We know it will not be the last time that Dr. Bauslin will speak to our Illinois Leaguers!

Most Leaguers remained for the Sunday morning worship, and at noon all those going to or via Chicago left in their special coach homeward bound.

We can only say it was a wonderful convention in every way.

And now—on to Elgin in 1926!

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Baltimore, Md., has added another link to its chain of benevolence by conducting a service at the "Helping Up Mission" on Tuesday evening, March 3, 1925.

The service was well attended by men who are seeking a Savior and they surely must have reaped a benefit from the message delivered by Mr. Walter Comegys, a very apt member of the society.

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN

Grace Luther League, Lincoln, has grown from fifteen members last August to fifty at the present time. Regular devotional meetings are held every Sunday evening, the members participating and learning to speak and pray in public. Strangers are urged to join the church and the League. A number are planning to attend the Milwaukee Convention. Twenty of the members organized a Young Women's Missionary Society and are studying China.

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A PRESCRIPTION

A druggist received this note, scribbled in haste, the other day:

"My baby has eat up its father's parish plaster. Send an anecdote quick by the enclosed girl, also send bottle of O Dick Alone as I am a bit historical."

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LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

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him how much foreigners need help. At last he obtained a clerkship and had time to study and began to teach. But he had not yet the key to the door of his life work.

(K) To America, 143-152.

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